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H.R. No. 574

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of Alma Faye Madden of Amarillo on August 26, 2012, at the age
3 of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Alma Madden, affectionately called "Abbie," was
5 born in Texas to Clyde and Jessie Faye Cowden; after graduating from
6 Midland Lee High School, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in
7 liberal arts from The University of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, During her years at UT, she met Wales Hendrix
9 Madden, Jr., who served as student body president, and the couple
10 were married in 1952; they settled in Amarillo, and over the course
11 of their rewarding 60-year marriage, they were blessed with two
12 children, Wales and Tawney, as well as seven grandchildren and six
13 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to helping manage her family's oil
15 business, Mrs. Madden contributed in myriad ways to the life of her
16 community; a champion of many worthy causes, she served as
17 president of the Junior League of Amarillo for four years, promoted
18 the advancement of Amarillo College, and funded a scholarship in
19 visual arts at West Texas A&M University; she also rendered
20 outstanding service to her alma mater, endowing a professorship in
21 the university's College of Liberal Arts and serving on several UT
22 boards; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed philanthropist was a talented artist
24 and the creator of more than 150 works in oil, charcoal, and

1 watercolor, many of which she gave to friends or auctioned in behalf
2 of charity; her painting "The Wedding Feast at Cana" hangs in the
3 Great Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo; and

4 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, her faith, and her community,
5 Abbie Madden gave freely of her time and energy to make the world
6 around her a better place, and although she is deeply missed,
7 memories of this beloved woman remain to inspire all those who were
8 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Alma Faye Madden and
11 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
12 husband, Wales Madden, Jr.; to her children, Wales Madden III and
13 his wife, Nita, and Tawney Macfarlan and her husband, Dean; to her
14 grandchildren, Shawnee Hancock and her husband, Nick, Mac Macfarlan
15 and his wife, Sophie, Wales Madden IV and his wife, Lauren, Brandy
16 Thompson, Callie Nixon and her husband, Ryan, Hamilton Madden, and
17 Cody Jennings; to her six great-grandchildren; and to her other
18 relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alma Faye
22 Madden.