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H.R. No. 1735

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Julia Margaret DeKay Welling of Houston passed away  
2 on August 31, 2012, at the age of 77, leaving her circle of family  
3 and friends to cherish their many happy memories of time spent in  
4 her company; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Ithaca, New York, to Rose and Sealy Calvin  
6 DeKay, "Judy" DeKay was an excellent student and outstanding  
7 athlete; she graduated from Ithaca High School and attended Ithaca  
8 College, then moved to Houston, where she was employed as a  
9 receptionist for an oil company; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Welling was a gifted rhythm and blues singer  
11 who won a contest on "The Original Amateur Hour" with Ted Mack and  
12 performed in numerous venues in upstate New York; she continued  
13 sharing her musical talents until late in her life, appearing in  
14 videos posted on the Internet; in addition, she adored dancing,  
15 laughing, and telling jokes; and

16           WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Mrs. Welling enjoyed the  
17 love and support of her husband, John Frederick Welling, with whom  
18 she shared more than 50 years; she was the devoted mother of three  
19 sons, Judd, Shawn, and Derek, and the grandmother of three  
20 treasured grandchildren, Sydney, Justin, and Payton; and

21           WHEREAS, A charming and delightful woman, Judy Welling  
22 brightened the lives of all those who were fortunate enough to know  
23 her, and she will be fondly remembered and deeply missed; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judy Welling and  
3 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
4 husband, John Frederick Welling; to her sons, Judd, Shawn, and  
5 Derek Welling; to her grandchildren, Sydney, Justin, and Payton; to  
6 her sister, Marlene Hankes; to her brothers, Robert DeKay and his  
7 wife, Ginney, and Jim DeKay and his wife, Susey; to her  
8 brother-in-law, Al Welling, and his wife, Bette; to her  
9 sister-in-law, Elizabeth Deaver; to her friend, Bessie Talbert; and  
10 to her many other friends and relatives; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judy  
14 Welling.