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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Stella Marion Hawes of Mineral Wells, who passed away on August
3 27, 2012, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Joseph and Ruth Petri on October 24, 1920, in
5 Maceo, Kentucky, the former Marion Petri attended Daviess County
6 schools and graduated as valedictorian of her class; she married
7 the love of her life, Samuel Arthur Hawes, on July 3, 1942, and with
8 him shared a rewarding relationship that was blessed with two
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, During World War II, Mrs. Hawes worked at a
11 walkie-talkie assembly plant while her husband served with the
12 U.S. Army Air Forces in the North African theater; she accompanied
13 him when he was transferred to California to train pilots, and it
14 was there that exhilarating flights in a P-38 piloted by her husband
15 inspired her lifelong passion for flying; she eventually attained a
16 pilot's license herself; and

17 WHEREAS, The couple moved to Austin after the war, and
18 Mrs. Hawes worked at Balcones Research Center while Mr. Hawes
19 attended The University of Texas; they later settled in Mineral
20 Wells, where they worked together to build a successful clay tile
21 plant; in addition to devoting herself to her home and her family,
22 Mrs. Hawes served as a den mother for her sons' Cub Scout troop and
23 assumed an active role in PTA and booster club events; she also
24 organized blood drives and helped change the city charter to

1 mandate a city manager form of government; moreover, Mrs. Hawes was
2 a charter member of the forerunner of today's Palo Pinto General
3 Hospital Healthcare Auxiliary Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, Intelligent, with a strong sense of duty and a
5 sometimes unexpected sense of humor, this delightful woman counted
6 cooking, gardening, camping, and playing bridge and chess among her
7 favorite pastimes; she was also a talented pianist and artist; and

8 WHEREAS, Marion Hawes possessed a generosity of spirit that
9 expressed itself in myriad ways, and she will forever hold a
10 treasured place in the hearts of all those who had the good fortune
11 to know her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Stella Marion Hawes
14 and extend sympathy to the members of her family: to her sons, Doug
15 Hawes and Dave Hawes; to her grandchildren, Ali Hawes Buhay and Josh
16 Hawes; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Stella
20 Marion Hawes.