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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 Mary Helen Walters Graves of Jasper on April 10, 2013, at  
3 the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Thomas and Ethie Walters, Mary Helen Walters  
5 was a native and lifelong resident of Jasper; a graduate of The  
6 University of Texas, she worked with the U.S. Corps of Engineers at  
7 the Sam Rayburn Powerhouse for a quarter-century; she married  
8 Claude Graves, Jr., and the couple spent 43 years together; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Graves was active in her community as a member  
10 of the Rose Society, Pine Needle Quilters, Women's Civic Club, and  
11 Jasper City Cemetery Board; moreover, she was a valued member of the  
12 First United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and  
13 participated in Seekers Sunday School Class; and

14 WHEREAS, Although Mary Helen Graves will be deeply missed,  
15 she will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all those  
16 who were fortunate enough to have known her; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Helen Walters  
19 Graves and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to  
20 her daughter, Marian Pekar, and her husband, Jerry; to her son,  
21 Breck Graves, and his wife, Pat; to her four grandchildren,  
22 Michelle Johnson and her husband, Jerry, Kristi Krauss and her  
23 husband, Eric, Pam Beadle and her husband, Shawn, and Steve Graves  
24 and his wife, Cindy; to her nine great-grandchildren, Kayla

1 Johnson, Hunter and Logan Krauss, Taylor, Kaylin, and Camille  
2 Beadle, and Ashlyn, Rebekah, and Samuel Graves; to her  
3 sister-in-law, Ruth Walters; to her brother-in-law and  
4 sister-in-law, James and Jean Graves; and to her other relatives  
5 and many friends; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary Helen  
9 Graves.