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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A caring and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Evelyn Octavine Burns-Loftin of Galveston on April 6,
3 2013, at the age of 97; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Burkeville, the former Evelyn Octavine was a
5 graduate of Burkeville High School; she married Henry A. Burns, and
6 together they were longtime residents of Groves and later retired
7 to live in her hometown; she was employed with the Texas Company,
8 which became Texaco, before resigning from work to focus on raising
9 her children, James, Julia, and Karan; and

10 WHEREAS, Widowed in 1985, she had the great fortune to find
11 love a second time and exchanged vows with Hoy Loftin in 1987; the
12 couple went on to share a wealth of happy memories until his death
13 in 2000; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to spending time with her treasured
15 family, including her beloved grandson, Jon, this generous Texan
16 counted among her pastimes crocheting afghans and baby blankets;
17 moreover, she delighted many with her wonderful cooking and baking,
18 especially her famous gumbo; and

19 WHEREAS, Evelyn Burns-Loftin enjoyed a life that was rich in
20 the intangibles that matter most, and she will forever be
21 remembered with deep affection by all those who held her dear; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Evelyn Octavine

1 Burns-Loftin and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
2 family: to her children, James A. Burns and Julia A. Murphy and her
3 husband, Jim; to her grandson, Jon Brandon Grimes; and to her other
4 relatives and friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Evelyn
8 Octavine Burns-Loftin.