

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 2316

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vesta Carol Hillsamer Williams of Victoria, the
2 mother of our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Geanie W. Morrison,
3 passed away on June 6, 2012, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Alva Lawrence and Neda McDonald
5 Hillsamer, the former Vesta Hillsamer was born in Cushing,
6 Oklahoma, on May 21, 1931; she graduated from Drumright High School
7 and married William Eugene Williams in 1949, moving with him to
8 Arkansas for several years, then to Victoria; their decades of
9 devoted matrimony were further enriched by the addition of four
10 children; and

11 WHEREAS, This accomplished woman worked for Victoria Bank and
12 Trust and was engaged in many community programs; an active
13 congregant at First Christian Church, she served as a member of the
14 diaconate, chair of the membership and worship committees, church
15 historian, and president of the Christian Women's Fellowship; she
16 also participated in the church's Morning Study Club and was a
17 founding board member of the Victoria Christian Assistance
18 Ministry, where she volunteered weekly; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a committed member of the Victoria
20 County Republican Women, serving as secretary of the executive
21 committee for six years; moreover, she was a precinct chair and
22 attended county and state conventions as a delegate; in 2004, she
23 was recognized as a Tribute to Women honoree by the Texas Federation
24 of Republican Women for her commendable volunteer efforts over the

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Vesta Williams lived a rich and purposeful life
3 centered around her faith, family, and community, and she will
4 forever be remembered with great admiration and affection by all
5 who had the good fortune to know her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Vesta Carol
8 Hillsamer Williams and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
9 her family: to her children, State Representative Geanie
10 W. Morrison and her husband, Jack, Jeff Williams and his wife,
11 Wanda, Carol Williams and her partner, Chris Bird, and Wayne
12 Williams and his wife, Mary Catherine; to her grandchildren, Lauri
13 Perry and her husband, Chris, Matt Morrison, Jason Newbern, Tammy
14 Shamburger and her husband, Austin, and Alex, Grace, and Kate
15 Williams; to her great-grandchildren, Cole and Ella Perry, Madison
16 Williams, and Brooklyn Shamburger; to her sister, Linda Pybus
17 Glover, and her husband, Steven; to her nephews, Charles Pybus and
18 his wife, Sue, John Pybus and his wife, Vickie, Johnnie Lee High and
19 his wife, Wilma, Bobby King and his wife, Sue, and Gerald High; to
20 her nieces, Zella Lue Rice and Nathalie Taylor; and to her other
21 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vesta
25 Williams.