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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Joanne Russell Williams on
2 August 4, 2014, at the age of 83, the community of Mineola lost one
3 of its most cherished residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 27, 1931, in Grand Saline, the former
5 Joanne Russell was the daughter of Herman and Effie Russell; she
6 graduated from Grand Saline High School and went on to attend
7 business college in Tyler; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams and her husband, Raymond, were loving
9 parents to their two sons, Joe and Marty; for 65 years, the couple
10 shared a close and caring relationship, and he preceded his wife in
11 death by only 11 months; and

12 WHEREAS, While her family always came first in her life,
13 Mrs. Williams also devoted her time and energy to civic endeavors;
14 a talented pianist, she played at countless church functions and
15 funerals, helped to organize a cancer survivors' support group, and
16 embarked on a career in the land title business at Wood County
17 Title; in 1991, she was named Mineola Woman of the Year; and

18 WHEREAS, Possessed of a kind and generous nature and admired
19 for her elegant style, Joanne Williams made the world a better place
20 for all who knew her, and they will forever hold her close in their
21 hearts; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joanne Russell
24 Williams and extend sincere condolences to the members of her

1 family: to her sons, Joe Williams and his wife, Chris, and Marty
2 Williams and his wife, Nannette; to her grandchildren, Jason, Ryan,
3 Kacie, Maria, and Stephanie Williams; to her great-grandchildren,
4 Mackenzie Grantham, Caden Haugen, and Madison, Maecy, Kase, Kamryn,
5 and Koley Williams; to her great-great-grandson, Cannon Goforth;
6 and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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