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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 death of Barbara Laine Brunner of Banquete on April 6, 2015, at the
3 age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Barbara French was born in Robstown on
5 November 13, 1930, to John James French and Lenna Lee French
6 Bengtson; after graduating from Robstown High School, she earned a
7 bachelor's degree in elementary education from Texas College of
8 Arts and Industries, and in 1951, she began teaching at De Zavala
9 School in Corpus Christi; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. French was joined in matrimony to Richard
11 E. Brunner in 1952, and they shared more than six decades together;
12 they were blessed with four children, Richard, James, John, and
13 Robbe, and their family later grew to include a granddaughter and a
14 great-granddaughter; and

15 WHEREAS, After raising her children, Mrs. Brunner resumed
16 her career, teaching third and fourth grades at Banquete Elementary
17 School for 25 years, until her retirement; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brunner was active in the Daughters of the
19 American Revolution, and she served on the board of the Robstown
20 Area Historical Association; she also maintained her friendships
21 with her Delta Theta sorority sisters throughout her life; and

22 WHEREAS, A skilled cook and baker, Mrs. Brunner shared her
23 famous buttermilk pies and banana bread with friends and loved ones
24 and put together a cookbook of her favorite recipes; she also

1 delighted in creating floral arrangements, decorating her home for
2 the holidays, and shopping for antiques with friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Barbara Brunner
4 will long remember the way she touched their lives with her warmth
5 and generosity, and she will forever hold a treasured place in their
6 hearts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Laine
9 Brunner and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
10 family: to her husband, Richard E. Brunner; to her sons, Richard T.
11 Brunner and his wife, Benita, James Brunner and his wife, Geneva,
12 John Brunner and his girlfriend, Lucero Tellez; to her daughter,
13 Robbe Brunner and her boyfriend, Mark Henricks; to her
14 granddaughter, Shea Lynn Brunner-Gonzales; to her
15 great-granddaughter, Brianna Brunner; and to her other relatives
16 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 Barbara
20 Laine Brunner.