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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 passing of Willie Mae Froebel Stark of Forth Worth on April 2, 2015,
3 at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Edmund and Elda Marie Froebel, the
5 former Willie Mae Froebel was born in Brenham on September 24, 1921;
6 she was a member of the Brenham High School Pep Squad and the
7 Rainbow Girls; after attending Blinn College, she taught at the
8 two-room Mill Creek School out in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, In June of 1939, she met her future husband, Oliver
10 Branch Stark, at a dance in La Bahia; the couple married in December
11 1944, while Mr. Stark was on leave from the United States Army Air
12 Corps, and Mrs. Stark set up housekeeping in Tonopah, Nevada, and
13 then Washington State; following World War II, they returned
14 briefly to Brenham before settling in Fort Worth; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stark devoted herself to her home and family
16 while raising her three children, Judy, Cheryl, and Oliver; when
17 she was not engaged as their cook, chauffeur, housecleaner, and
18 general keeper of the peace, she and her husband enjoyed dancing,
19 playing "42," and card games with friends, and attending the
20 activities of their son and daughters; she was also a valued member
21 of Trinity Lutheran Church; as her children grew older, she
22 reentered the workforce, and she was employed by a local insurance
23 firm and later by a thriving oil company; Mr. and Mrs. Stark shared
24 a fulfilling marriage of 33 years before his death; and

1 WHEREAS, Remaining very active in her retirement, Mrs. Stark
2 continued to give generously of her time to her church; she traveled
3 frequently to Austin, Dallas, and California to visit her children,
4 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and she took trips to
5 Hawaii and to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Russia, and Finland;
6 she maintained the greenest lawn in her neighborhood, and she liked
7 driving down to Austin with her daughter, Cheryl, to cheer for the
8 Longhorns at home football games; in recent years, she especially
9 cherished weekends in Wimberley, where she shared laughter and
10 memories with her loved ones; and

11 WHEREAS, Willie Mae Stark set an inspiring example of
12 maternal love for three generations of her family, and she will
13 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of those who held her
14 dear; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Willie Mae Froebel
17 Stark and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
18 to her children, Judy Kay and her husband, Robert A. "Bob" Moore,
19 Cheryl Ann Stark, and Oliver Branch Stark II and his wife, Susan; to
20 her grandchildren, Pastor Danielle Moore Casey and her husband,
21 Eric, Courtney Moore Hjaltman and her husband, Lars, and Allyson
22 Ashley Stark; to her great-grandchildren, Brecken Fae and Bolton
23 Quinn Casey; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Willie Mae

1 Stark.