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H.R. No. 3001

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joan Cawood Nivens of Midland passed away on May 6,
2 2015, at the age of 85, leaving her circle of family and friends to
3 treasure their many happy memories of time spent in her company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Topeka, Kansas, in 1929, the former Joan
5 Cawood moved with her family to Roswell, New Mexico, during her
6 youth; after graduating from high school, she enjoyed a successful
7 career as a draftsman with Humble Oil; a lifelong learner, she took
8 classes while working as well as in her retirement and derived great
9 joy from her studies; and

10 WHEREAS, This cherished woman shared a rewarding union with
11 her husband, Rolf Eugene Nivens, until his passing, and she was the
12 devoted mother of a daughter, Gena; she was affectionately known as
13 "Jo Jo" to her four grandchildren, and she lavished them with her
14 love and support; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Nivens spent more than 30 years as a resident
16 of Midland, which remained her home in her heart even after she
17 moved to Austin in 2013 to be closer to her loved ones; actively
18 involved in her church, she taught Sunday school and prepared meals
19 for the church men's group, and she also found fulfillment in
20 volunteering with Meals on Wheels and helping out others in the
21 community; she was beloved for her sweet nature and vibrant smile,
22 and some of her favorite memories were of meeting each week with her
23 close friends for coffee; and

24 WHEREAS, Joan Nivens led a rich and purposeful life centered

1 around her faith, her family, and her community, and she will long
2 be remembered with admiration and deep affection by all who were
3 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joan Cawood Nivens
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
7 daughter, Gena Nivens Keller, and her husband, Harrison; to her
8 grandchildren, William, Elizabeth, Emily, and Mary Katherine; to
9 her sister, Virginia Edwards; and to her other relatives and
10 friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it so do in memory of Joan Cawood
14 Nivens.