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H.R. No. 3044

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of Charlotte Koehler Flynn on April  
2 19, 2015, at the age of 96, the State of Texas lost a remarkable  
3 citizen who devoted her life to serving the greater good; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in St. Louis on March 28, 1919, to Charlotte  
5 and Arnold Koehler, the former Charlotte Koehler was joined in  
6 matrimony to William Flynn on July 11, 1941, and the couple nurtured  
7 a rewarding union that spanned more than six and a half decades  
8 until his passing; over the course of their marriage, they became  
9 the parents of three children, Liz, Mary Lou, and Greg, and their  
10 family later grew to include two granddaughters, Kathryn and  
11 Charlotte; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Flynn graduated with a bachelor's degree in  
13 nursing from Washington University in St. Louis in 1941 and  
14 subsequently worked as an operating room supervisor in Panama; she  
15 and her family frequently moved in support of her husband's career  
16 in the U.S. Navy, and in 1970, they put down roots in Austin; and

17           WHEREAS, A staunch advocate for social justice, Mrs. Flynn  
18 championed rights for youth, women, the elderly, the poor, and the  
19 disenfranchised; she was a founding member of the Austin chapter of  
20 the Gray Panthers, and she greatly benefited the national  
21 organization through her service as chair in the 1990s and as a  
22 spokesperson for its National Campaign for Universal Health Care;  
23 moreover, she was active with the Texas Coalition for Juvenile  
24 Justice and the Austin Peace and Justice Coalition, and she was

1 involved in the Girl Scouts for more than 35 years; in her leisure  
2 time, she enjoyed printmaking, and she was known for giving refuge  
3 to deer, birds, and creatures of all kinds who found their way to  
4 her loving home; and

5 WHEREAS, Charlotte Flynn was a woman of strength, compassion,  
6 and deeply held ideals who remained engaged in the world throughout  
7 her life and who found joy and inspiration in helping others; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charlotte Koehler  
11 Flynn and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:  
12 to her children, Liz Flynn, Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart and her husband,  
13 Mike, and Greg Flynn and his wife, Alicia; to her sister, Barbara  
14 Maschmeier; to her granddaughters, Kathryn and Charlotte Flynn; and  
15 to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charlotte  
19 Flynn.