

By: Davis of Harris

H.R. No. 3199

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of Louise W. Ware of Bellaire on April 24, 2015, at the age of
3 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Louise Wilson was born in Lubbock on July
5 30, 1927, to Vaughn and Mary Wilson; she learned about public
6 service at an early age from her father, who was a city attorney for
7 Lubbock and later an attorney for the Railroad Commission of Texas;
8 raised in Lubbock, Mrs. Ware finished high school in Austin and
9 entered The University of Texas at the age of 16; she earned a
10 bachelor's degree in medical technology in 1948; and

11 WHEREAS, During her college years, she met her future
12 husband, Henry Ware, a veteran of World War II who had piloted a
13 B-17 bomber and spent time in a German prisoner of war camp; they
14 were married in Houston in 1949 and shared 58 rewarding years
15 together; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ware was employed in a hospital laboratory
17 until 1953, when she and her husband moved to Bellaire, where she
18 devoted herself to raising their four children, Cyndy, Hank, Pam,
19 and Amos; she worked with the Houston Speech and Hearing Center
20 Auxiliary, and she served as a member of the PTA and the San Jacinto
21 Girl Scout board, as a Girl Scout leader to two troops and den
22 mother to two Boy Scout dens, and as a baseball coach and a
23 swimming, canoeing, first aid, and sailing instructor; she enjoyed
24 playing bridge and arranging dinner parties, and she was always

1 sewing, crocheting, or knitting something for her family; and

2 WHEREAS, When her children were older, Mrs. Ware took an
3 active interest in civic affairs, and she served on the Bellaire
4 City Council for four years; in 1978, she became the first woman in
5 the city's history to be elected mayor; she also devoted a great
6 deal of time and energy to the Metro Board, the Bellaire
7 Bicentennial Commission, the Texas Municipal League, the Bellaire
8 Historical Society, the American Heart Association, the Friends of
9 the Bellaire Library, the West University Republican Women's Club,
10 the Houston Transit Forum, the Harris County Historical Commission,
11 and many other civic organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ware's numerous awards included the Girl Scout
13 Thanks Badge, the Chamber of Commerce "Mr. Bellaire" Award, the
14 "Something Special Award," and lifetime membership in the Chamber
15 of Commerce; the Bellaire Metro Transit Center was named in her
16 honor, and a small park near her home was named the Ware Family
17 Park; and

18 WHEREAS, Known affectionately as "Looie" to her friends and
19 as "Meema" to her eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren,
20 this dynamic woman dedicated her boundless energy to caring for her
21 family and her community, and she leaves behind a legacy of civic
22 engagement and service to others that will continue to inspire all
23 those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Louise W. Ware and
26 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
27 children, Cyndy Paré and her husband, Jimmy, Hank Ware and his wife,

1 Linda, Pam Emerson and her husband, Chuck, and Amos Ware and his
2 wife, Marta; to her grandchildren, George Crawford, Bobby Crawford
3 and his partner, Shannon Gonzalez, Andrew and Emily Paré, Molly and
4 Shane Ware, Mary Emerson, and Anne Emerson-Gutierrez and her
5 husband, Daniel; to her great-grandchildren, Cheryl Bontje,
6 Jessica Kaluza, Jimmy Crawford, Rilyn Paré, and Arianna Kaluza; to
7 her brother, Vaughn Edgar Wilson II, and his wife, Pat; to her
8 sister-in-law, Barbara C. Wilson; to her brother-in-law, Stephen
9 Ware, and his wife, Jean; to her niece, Patti Richards, and her
10 husband, Tom Hogle; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be
11 it further

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