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H.R. No. 3468

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to a close with the
2 passing of Ruth Gibson Moore on March 4, 2015, at the age of 94; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Chickasha, Oklahoma, on July 6, 1920,
4 Mrs. Moore moved to Texas at an early age; she grew up on a dairy
5 farm near Alvin, and as a young woman, she could often be found
6 singing to the cows from horseback and roller-skating in the barn;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore finished high school a year early and
9 went on to graduate with honors from St. Mary's Infirmary School of
10 Nursing in Galveston; in March 1941, she joined the U.S. Army Nurse
11 Corps as a registered nurse and second lieutenant, and she managed
12 the obstetrics unit at the army hospital in Big Spring during World
13 War II; and

14 WHEREAS, The former Ruth Gibson met the love of her life,
15 G. Tom Moore Jr., while serving her country; on January 2, 1942, the
16 couple married in the chaplain's tent at Camp Swift in Brownwood;
17 over the course of a rewarding union that spanned nearly seven
18 decades, they became the proud parents of a daughter, Judy, and two
19 sons, Tom and Bobby, and they took great delight in their seven
20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, Relocating to her husband's hometown of Beaumont,
22 Mrs. Moore established and operated an obstetrics center called the
23 Beaumont Infirmary; Mr. Moore's career as a district manager with
24 Wyeth Pharmaceuticals took them to Austin in 1958 and to San Antonio

1 a decade later, and in her retirement, Mrs. Moore devoted her
2 talents to hosting her famous cocktail parties for a wide circle of
3 friends; the consummate hostess, she ensured the family's social
4 success with her exceptional culinary skills and her wonderful
5 sense of humor; she later returned to nursing at Nix Hospital in San
6 Antonio when her children left home; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore was an active congregant at St. Luke's
8 Episcopal Church in San Antonio; she served on Altar Guild and
9 worked at the Green Door Thrift Shop, and in her free time, she
10 enjoyed golfing, boating on Lake Austin, and playing bridge;
11 following her husband's retirement, the couple traveled across the
12 country in their motor home; and

13 WHEREAS, Beloved for her strength, her compassion, and her
14 hearty laugh, Ruth Moore touched many lives during her journey on
15 this earth, and those who shared in her love and affection will
16 forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ruth Gibson Moore
19 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
20 daughter, Judy Sprowls, and her husband, Steve; to her
21 grandchildren, Garrett Sprowls, Kristin Sprowls Gilbert and her
22 husband, Phil, Michele Moore Hirata and her husband, Jeff, Tom
23 Moore IV and his wife, Aaryn, Robby Moore and his wife, Stephanie,
24 Christopher Moore and his wife, Rikky, and Ashley Moore; to her
25 great-grandchildren, Ainsley Gilbert, Gennifer and Tyler Hirata,
26 and Kaleb, Christopher, Trey, Maddy, and C. J. Moore; to her
27 daughter-in-law, Sue Moore; to her brother, Rex Gibson; and to her

1 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruth Gibson
5 Moore.