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H.R. No. 32

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 Sarah Ann Mettaufer Summers on May 25, 2017, at the age of
3 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Ada Lee and Charles Mettaufer, the
5 former Sarah Mettaufer was born in Lufkin on August 22, 1922; after
6 graduating from Lufkin High School, she attended Stephen F. Austin
7 State University; in 1941, she exchanged the vows of matrimony with
8 Frank Summers, whom she had met on a blind date in high school, and
9 they enjoyed a rewarding marriage that spanned 45 years until his
10 passing; the couple were the proud parents of 3 children, Sally
11 Coke, Suzy Valentine, and Jim Summers, and Mrs. Summers had the
12 pleasure of watching her family grow to include 10 grandchildren,
13 Lawson, Chelsea, Lauren, Austin, Sarah, Richard, Larry, Cameron,
14 Collin, and Chari, and 12 great-grandchildren, Sydney, Quinn, Jack,
15 Bryson, Daphne, Dahlia, Ethan, Arionna, Richard, Benjamin, Mabel,
16 and Nathan; and

17 WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back to her community,
18 Mrs. Summers shared her time and talents with a number of
19 worthwhile causes over the years; she volunteered with women's
20 shelters in Austin and Cherokee County and sat on the board of
21 directors for the Texas State Railroad; she and her husband both
22 served as president of the Cherokee County Heritage Commission, and
23 they were instrumental in bringing the historical Texas State
24 Railroad to Rusk; moreover, she was a longtime congregant of the

1 First United Methodist Church of Rusk and a member of the Red Hat
2 Society; and

3 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Summers was devoted to her
4 loved ones, and later in life, she moved to Austin to be close to
5 them; she delighted in spending time with her children,
6 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and enjoyed attending their
7 games and recitals; in her free time, she also counted traveling,
8 dancing, rooting for the Texas Longhorns, and playing poker and
9 golf among her favorite pastimes; and

10 WHEREAS, Sarah Summers will long be remembered for her
11 kindness, strength of character, and buoyant spirit, and those who
12 are fortunate enough to have known her will forever hold her close
13 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
16 Sarah Ann Mettaufer Summers and extend sincere condolences to her
17 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sarah
21 Summers.