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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Imogene Bethel of Lamesa passed away on July 13,
2 2017, at the age of 99, drawing to a close a long life filled with
3 family, friends, and a wealth of warm memories; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Center Point, Arkansas, the former
5 Imogene Bedwell was born on April 26, 1918, to Levi and Norma
6 Bedwell and grew up with the companionship of a brother and three
7 sisters; after moving with her family to Quitaque, she met and fell
8 in love with Hal Reid Bethel, a regular customer at her father's
9 café; they were married in 1939 and became the devoted parents of a
10 son, Donald; and

11 WHEREAS, Following a stint as a chief operator for a local
12 phone company in Quitaque, Mrs. Bethel joined her husband in
13 purchasing the Reid Bethel Tire Store in Lamesa in 1945; the Bethels
14 built their home on 15th Street in 1955, and through the years,
15 Mrs. Bethel delighted in hosting numerous guests, with whom she
16 shared countless wonderful meals and rousing games of dominos and
17 Skip-Bo; some of her favorite memories involved spending summers
18 with her family at Lake Stamford, taking RV tours around Texas with
19 her husband, and visiting Disneyland with her loved ones; and

20 WHEREAS, Strong in her faith, Mrs. Bethel was a valued
21 congregant of the First United Methodist Church, where she took
22 part in the Cal Wright Sunday school class, and she was also a
23 member of the Green Thumb Garden Club; moreover, she was an avid
24 reader and a dedicated fan of the Dallas Cowboys; and

1 WHEREAS, Imogene Bethel lived a rich and purposeful life
2 centered around her faith and her family, and she will long be
3 remembered with deep affection by all who knew her; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
7 of Imogene Bethel and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
8 family: to her son, Don Bethel, and his wife, Lynda; to her
9 grandchildren, Danner Bethel and his wife, Tracy, Denise Molina and
10 her husband, Gustavo, and David Bethel and his wife, Jana; to her
11 great-grandchildren, Jake and Molly Bethel and Sofia and Stella
12 Molina; and to her other relatives and her many friends and
13 neighbors; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Imogene
17 Bethel.