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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Frankie Sprabary received an honorary diploma from  
2 Lewisville High School at a ceremony conducted on February 6, 2017,  
3 and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize this esteemed member of the  
4 Class of 1946; and

5           WHEREAS, During the final semester of her senior year, the  
6 former Frankie Lester was returning home from a movie in Denton with  
7 her high school sweetheart, H. L. "Abe" Sprabary, when their car was  
8 struck by a drunk driver; her future husband was able to graduate,  
9 but her injuries prevented her from completing her courses; and

10           WHEREAS, The couple married after Mrs. Sprabary recovered  
11 from the accident, and they became the parents of four children,  
12 Larry, Aleshia, Amilia, and Paul; Mr. Sprabary's career in the U.S.  
13 Air Force took them to North Africa, Italy, Germany, and France, and  
14 Mrs. Sprabary, trained as an opera singer, joined the Air Force  
15 Choir and performed in churches across the United States as well as  
16 in Europe; she is also a self-taught pianist, organist, and  
17 painter; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1976, the family returned to Lewisville, and  
19 following Mr. Sprabary's untimely death, Mrs. Sprabary took on the  
20 role of breadwinner, assisting home-schooled children; she is a  
21 charter member of Temple Baptist Church, where she was the featured  
22 soloist for two decades; in addition, she has supported historic  
23 preservation, serving on the board of Chinn's Chapel and helping to  
24 compile a book on the 19th-century country church; and

1           WHEREAS, Although her formal education was interrupted,  
2 Mrs. Sprabary has always been an avid learner, and she instilled  
3 the love of knowledge and reading in her children, all college  
4 graduates; her family has grown through the years to include four  
5 grandchildren, Chris, Victoria, and Autumn Sprabary and Olivia  
6 Cenicerros, along with a great-grandchild, Skylar Sprabary; and

7           WHEREAS, Frankie Sprabary has met life's challenges with  
8 grace, wisdom, and determination, and she is a source of  
9 inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Frankie Sprabary on her receipt of  
13 an honorary diploma from Lewisville High School and extend to her  
14 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mrs. Sprabary as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.