

By: Hughes

S.C.R. No. 44

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The city of Mineola lost a beloved resident with the passing of Frances Debora McBride Collins on February 20, 2017, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1925 in the community of Hopewell, the former Frances McBride graduated from John Tyler High School in 1941; she worked as an elevator operator in People's National Bank in Tyler before taking a job with the Cotton Belt Railway; during World War II, she won the distinction of being named Miss Camp Fannin at the U.S. Army Infantry Training Center near Tyler; and

WHEREAS, She married Wayne Collins in 1948, and the couple made their home in Mineola, where they owned and operated Collins, a clothing and gift store; Mrs. Collins played an important role in the business, working at the cosmetics counter, modeling the clothing at fashion shows in Mineola and Tyler, and accompanying her husband on buying trips to Dallas and New York; and

WHEREAS, A devoted mother, Mrs. Collins took great pride in her four children, Craig, Corey, Cristle, and Clay, and she actively participated in the PTA and in running the Band Booster concession stand; as the years passed, she was further blessed with 10 beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Engaged in her community, Mrs. Collins was a valued member of the First Baptist Church of Mineola and the local chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization; in her leisure time,

1 she enjoyed gardening and landscaping, and she received the Yard of  
2 the Month Award from the Mineola Garden Club on multiple occasions;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Frances Collins lived a full and generous life  
5 surrounded by those she loved, and she will forever be remembered  
6 with great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frances Debora McBride Collins  
9 and extend heartfelt sympathy to her relatives and many friends;  
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
14 Frances Collins.