

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 616

In Memory
of
Hazel Ruth Preston Bassett

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Hazel Ruth Preston Bassett, who died March 27, 2017, at the age of 102; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Bassett was born on July 31, 1914, to William and Georgia Preston, in the Comyn community; she lived most of her life in DeLeon, where she was widely respected and admired for her talents and achievements; and

WHEREAS, She married the late Walton T. Bassett on December 21, 1934; they raised two daughters together, Shirley and Jolene, and she was blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bassett worked as a clerk and an operator for the DeLeon Telephone Company for nearly four decades and was active in a number of community organizations, including the Women's Division of the DeLeon Chamber of Commerce; she was a Worthy Matron in the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian who practiced her faith in her daily life, she was a member for more than 80 years of First Baptist Church; she was a skilled seamstress and a talented cook, and she took great pleasure in traveling with her family and playing bridge with her friends; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave generously to others, and her warmth and her enthusiasm for

living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in her life; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Hazel Ruth Preston Bassett; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hazel Ruth Preston Bassett.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 12, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate