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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Mary Tarrant Valentine of McKinney passed away on May 9, 2019, at the age of 98, leaving her loved ones to treasure the many happy memories they shared with her; and

WHEREAS, The former Mary Tarrant, who was affectionately known as "Gaga," was born in Cumby on March 27, 1921, to Thomas and Mary Susan Tarrant; she grew up on the family farm with four brothers and two sisters, and she learned from her grandmother how to cook and bake; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Valentine shared a rewarding marriage with her husband, Roy Valentine, who preceded her in death; over the years, she dedicated herself to providing a warm and loving home for her family, which grew to include her three children, June, Janie, and Buddy, as well as her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; she enjoyed cheering on the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Stars, solving crossword puzzles, and reading her daily Bible devotionals; and

WHEREAS, Mary Valentine lived a full and generous life surrounded by those she loved, and they will forever carry her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Tarrant Valentine and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her children, Janie Francis and June Parks; to her grandchildren, Danny Devore, Mindy Johnson, Mark Francis, Melissa Francis, Kristi Myers, Kelly Hibbs, and Shelly Sanford; to her great-grandchildren, Ryan Sanford and his wife, Jaclyn, Lauren Dawson and her husband, Andrew, Kathryn Myers, Parker Hibbs, Maggie Hibbs, Grant Francis, and Elizabeth Francis; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary Valentine.