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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Ella Ruth Maddox of Lake Kiowa on February 3, 2017, at
3 the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Ray and Mary Susan Kennedy, the
5 former Ruth Kennedy was born in Gainesville on April 5, 1928, and
6 grew up with six siblings, Norma, Charles, James, Bobby, Sue, and
7 Pat; she married Bill Maddox and they became the parents of a
8 daughter, Monica, and two sons, Marcus and Michael; gentle and
9 nurturing yet firm, she raised her children joyfully, singing as
10 she performed tasks and joining in late-night board or card games;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Maddox provided steadfast support to her
13 husband during his career in the oil business, which took the family
14 to cities across the country, among them Billings, Montana, Casper,
15 Wyoming, Denver, Colorado, Wichita, Kansas, and Shreveport,
16 Louisiana; she managed the household finances with utmost frugality
17 during the early years and made a comfortable, welcoming home in
18 each new location; a marvelous cook, she introduced many friends in
19 northern states to Southern cooking, especially fried chicken and
20 buttermilk chocolate cake; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1981, Ruth and Bill Maddox bought a place at Lake
22 Kiowa that became a gathering spot for their extended family, which
23 grew to include six grandchildren, Emily, Riley, Cabie, Lindsay,
24 Michael, and Lauren, as well as six great-grandchildren, Simon,

1 Libby, Zoe, Jack, John, and Dillon; and

2 WHEREAS, A supremely talented seamstress, this capable woman
3 counted sewing as her favorite pastime; she also competed fiercely
4 at the bridge table and in the political arena, where she worked
5 tirelessly in behalf of her chosen candidates; and

6 WHEREAS, Ruth Maddox is deeply missed by all who were blessed
7 to share in her love and affection, and they will forever hold her
8 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ella Ruth Maddox and
11 extend sincere condolences to her family and to all those who mourn
12 her passing; and, be it further

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