

By: Howard

H.R. No. 896

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close on
2 December 18, 2018, with the passing of Elizabeth May Warren of
3 Austin at the age of 102; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Albert and Ethel Avery, the former
5 Betsy Avery was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 27, 1916,
6 and grew up with three siblings, Margery, Marian, and Albert; after
7 completing her degree in art education at Miami University in Ohio,
8 she attended the Art Institute of Chicago; she married William S.
9 "Bill" Warren III in 1942, while he was stationed in Boston with the
10 U.S. Navy, and after World War II, they lived in Columbia, Missouri,
11 and Childress before settling in Austin in 1950; and

12 WHEREAS, The Warrens were blessed with three sons, Bill,
13 Steve, and Mark, and a daughter, Missy; while raising them,
14 Mrs. Warren also gave piano lessons to local youngsters, and she
15 wrote and illustrated children's books for Steck Publishing
16 Company; she developed a deep love of Texas history, and she
17 published note cards with her sketches of historic buildings, as
18 well as dozens of books on the state's heritage that are still sold
19 today at various cultural sites; in addition, she made a quilt
20 depicting important Texas historical eras and used it to illustrate
21 the many presentations she gave at schools; the Briscoe Center for
22 American History now holds the quilt in its permanent collection;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In 1971, Mrs. Warren received the Texas Institute of

1 Letters Award for Best Children's Book for *Indians Who Lived in*
2 *Texas*; she went on to launch her own company, RanchGate, to
3 distribute her books; after her husband's death in 1992,
4 Mrs. Warren continued to write about Texas history, and she was a
5 featured author at the inaugural Texas Book Festival; moreover, she
6 volunteered at the Lifetime Learning Institute at the Bullock Texas
7 State History Museum; she remained a popular piano teacher, and for
8 more than three decades she was the organist for her church,
9 Westminster Presbyterian; through the years, she welcomed into her
10 cherished family 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, A gentle, gracious woman of many talents, Betsy
12 Warren enriched the lives of innumerable people, and those who held
13 her dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness she brought
14 into their lives; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elizabeth May
17 Warren and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betsy
22 Warren.