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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Rebekah Farrar of Erath County, an esteemed civic leader and friend to many, passed away on April 1, 2021, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, The former Becky Simmons was born to James and Christine Simmons on May 7, 1936, in Quanah, and the family later moved to Dallas; she graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in education, and during her college years, she met Jack Farrar, whom she wed in 1957; while the couple lived in Georgia, Mrs. Farrar taught at Colonial Hills Christian School, and after she and her husband bought a ranch near Hico, she went on to serve as the director of three family agribusiness corporations; and

WHEREAS, Active in politics, Mrs. Farrar held leadership roles with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and Concerned Women for America of Texas, and she was a member of the Texas State Republican Executive Committee as well as a Texas delegate to the 1996 Republican National Convention; moreover, she ran for election as a state representative in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Farrar had a passion for history that led her to spend countless hours performing research at libraries, courthouses, and cemeteries; she published six books on local and family history, and she was involved with the Erath County Historical Commission, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Valuing her family above all else, Mrs. Farrar and her husband shared a rewarding marriage that spanned nearly five decades before his passing; the couple were the proud parents of two sons, Newt and Will, and with the passing years, Mrs. Farrar was further blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; this devoted matriarch immensely enjoyed hosting her loved ones and taking family vacations; in all her endeavors, she was sustained by a strong and abiding faith; and

WHEREAS, Becky Farrar lived a caring and purposeful life, and she will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who held her close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rebekah "Becky" Farrar and extend sincere condolences to her family 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 Becky Farrar.