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H.R. No. 898

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Active in politics, Mrs. Farrar held leadership
14 roles with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and Concerned
15 Women for America of Texas, and she was a member of the Texas State
16 Republican Executive Committee as well as a Texas delegate to the
17 1996 Republican National Convention; moreover, she ran for election
18 as a state representative in 1996; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Valuing her family above all else, Mrs. Farrar and

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rebekah "Becky"
13 Farrar and extend sincere condolences to her family and friends;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Becky
18 Farrar.