

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 406

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary Lee Feitsam Najvar, a beloved Texan and Shiner resident, who earned the distinction of becoming the youngest licensed mortician in the State of Texas when she was 21 years old; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 10, 1924, Mary Lee Feitsam grew up in Weimar, Texas; she moved to Shiner with her family, and her mother purchased the *Shiner Gazette* newspaper; she graduated with honors from Saint Ludmila's Academy in Shiner, and she studied at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, She went on to study at the Landig College of Mortuary Science in Houston, and she completed two years of apprenticeship with the Charles Hanavan Funeral Parlor in San Antonio; she earned a perfect score on her final tests, and at the age of 21, she passed the Texas State Board of Embalmers exam and became the youngest person in the state to earn a mortician's license; and

WHEREAS, This gracious and accomplished lady has been blessed with a rewarding life full of memorable experiences, and she has been privileged to witness historic events that many people only read about in history books; she is now 97 years old, and there is much to be learned from the wisdom she has gained over the years; and

WHEREAS, She is indeed deserving of special recognition for a life well lived and for her notable achievement of becoming the state's youngest licensed mortician; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby honor Mary Lee Feitsam Najvar as a cherished member of her family and community and a treasured citizen of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Kolkhorst

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 13, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate