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S.C.R. No. 3

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Albany, Texas, lost an admired educator
2 with the passing of Winifred Yates Waller on November 2, 2023, at
3 the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Henry Elbert and Cozette Hembree
5 Yates, the former Winifred Yates was born in Wilson, Oklahoma, on
6 September 24, 1930; she grew up in Breckenridge, Texas, with a
7 younger brother, John; in 1951, she married Clarence Waller, and
8 they settled in Albany, where they raised three children, Melissa,
9 Stephen, and James; as a rancher's wife, Mrs. Waller was a savvy
10 resource manager and shared in many responsibilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Waller completed her bachelor's degree at
12 Hardin-Simmons University in 1968, and she went on to earn a
13 master's degree from her alma mater; as a teacher in the Albany
14 Independent School District, she set high standards for youngsters
15 and inspired them to study diligently; many who once bemoaned the
16 difficulty of her courses returned years later to thank her for
17 spurring them on to greater achievements; a generous mentor and
18 stalwart advocate for her students, she served as a sponsor for UIL
19 competitions and for *The Old Timer* history magazine, which became
20 affiliated with the Junior Historians of Texas; she was a member of
21 the Texas State Teachers Association, the Joint Council of Teachers
22 of English Advisory Committee, and DKG; and

23 WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community and its heritage,
24 Mrs. Waller was vice president of the Shackelford County Historical

1 Commission; she was involved in Texas Sesquicentennial oral history
2 workshops and the Fort Griffin Fandangle historical musical; among
3 many accolades, she received an Albany Chamber of Commerce Special
4 Award for recording and preserving county history, and she was
5 named Albany's 1983 First Lady of the Year; she was also a member of
6 the Albany Chamber of Commerce and First Baptist Church of Albany;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Above all, Mrs. Waller was devoted to her family,
9 and she was the proud "Grandmommy" to eight grandchildren and seven
10 great-grandchildren; to the very last, she kept up with her
11 relatives daily through phone calls, texts, FaceTime, and Facebook;
12 she was preceded in death by her husband in 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Winifred Waller lived a caring and purposeful life,
14 and she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those she
15 left behind; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
17 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Winifred
18 Yates Waller and extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
23 Winifred Waller.