

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

In Memory
of
Lou Ethel Gaw

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories of Lou Ethel Gaw of Marshall, who passed away on July 16, 2023, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Ralph and Ida Ramey, the former Lou Ramey was born in Gilmer on June 21, 1929; a standout student at Gilmer High School, she was a member of several campus organizations, and she graduated as valedictorian in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaw went on to receive a bachelor's degree in Latin and English from The University of Texas at Austin, and she later earned a master's degree from East Texas State University; following a year teaching high school in San Angelo, she took a job at the R. G. LeTourneau company, where she met her future husband, William "Bill" Gaw Jr.; the couple wed in 1953; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Gaw moved from Longview to Marshall, and Mrs. Gaw went on to serve as both a full-time and substitute teacher; active in her community, she gave generously of her time and talents to numerous organizations; in addition to her dedication to the Marshall Rotary Club, she was a founding member of the Republican Women of Harrison County in 1968, and she was involved in a number of conservative political groups; she held local and state positions in the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the Republican Party of Texas and served on the Civic Center Advisory Board, as well as the boards of the annual Marshall Days at the Capitol, the local library, the Charter Commission, and the Marshall Regional Arts Council; moreover, she brought a number of high-ranking officials, including two U.S. presidents, to East Texas to speak with local voters, and in 2000, she was chosen as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaw shared a rewarding marriage with her husband, who preceded her in death; they raised two children, Lee and Kelly, and their treasured family grew to include their grandchildren, Christopher, Halie, Michael, Ross, and Jay, as well as their great-grandchildren, Ava and Tyler; a woman of faith, Mrs. Gaw was a dedicated congregant of First Methodist Church; in her leisure time, she enjoyed playing bridge; and

WHEREAS, Lou Gaw lived a life that was rich in family, friends, and community service, and those who were privileged to share in her love and affection will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lou Ethel Gaw and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lou Gaw.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 30, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate