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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Nelma Jean Speed Bonner of Fairfield on July 24, 2025, at
3 the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Clarence Speed and Jessie Pearl
5 Renfro Speed, the former Jean Speed was born on February 22, 1930,
6 in the Ward Prairie community; she grew up with the companionship of
7 four brothers, Travis, Earl, Jake, and Renfro, and three sisters,
8 Hazel, Eleanor, and Gladys; she received her early education in a
9 one-room schoolhouse in Ward Prairie before the establishment of
10 Fairfield Independent School District when she was in the fourth
11 grade; her family later moved to Oak Cliff in Dallas County, and she
12 graduated from Sunset High School; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonner shared a rewarding marriage with Jim
14 Billie Bonner Jr. until the time of his passing, and they were the
15 proud parents of two sons, Buck and Biff; Mrs. Bonner was further
16 blessed with a granddaughter, Stella, and a great-grandson,
17 Jonathan; and

18 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Bonner was a valued member of
19 Ward Prairie Baptist Church; she taught Sunday school classes and
20 helped with vacation Bible school, and through the years, pastors
21 and their families would often visit the Bonner home for Sunday
22 dinners; and

23 WHEREAS, While the death of Jean Bonner brings immeasurable
24 sorrow to her family and friends, she will forever be remembered

1 with great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
4 Nelma Jean Speed Bonner and extend sincere sympathy to the members
5 of her family: to her son, Buck Bonner; to her granddaughter, Stella
6 Dewitt; to her great-grandson, Jonathan Dewitt; and to her other
7 relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jean
11 Bonner.