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S.R. No. 39

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 Claudette Cox Jones of Longview on July 4, 2025, at the  
3 age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Osa and Jack Cox, the former  
5 Claudette Cox was born in Kilgore on July 2, 1936, and she grew up  
6 with the companionship of four siblings; she graduated from Kilgore  
7 High School, and she went on earn a bachelor's degree in business  
8 administration from the University of North Texas and a master's  
9 degree from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

10 WHEREAS, She wed James Clark Agee Jr. in 1957, and the couple  
11 became the parents of two daughters, Adana and Ami; after Mr. Agee's  
12 passing in 1970, she was fortunate enough to find love again and  
13 shared four rewarding decades of marriage with her husband, Cassity  
14 Jones, who also preceded her in death; the couple's blended family  
15 included Mr. Jones's four children, Jan, John, Jim, and Jerry, and  
16 through the years, she was further blessed with 14 grandchildren  
17 and 26 great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Actively engaged in her community, Mrs. Jones gave  
19 generously of her time to the Asbury House Child Enrichment Center  
20 for several decades; she also served as board president of the Texas  
21 Shakespeare Festival Foundation and was involved with the Good  
22 Shepherd Foundation and Goodwill Industries of the Pines; in  
23 recognition of her myriad volunteer service efforts, she was  
24 honored with numerous accolades and awards; and

1           WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith, Mrs. Jones was a valued  
2 congregant of Longview First United Methodist Church, where she  
3 served on the board and participated in the Henry Foster Sunday  
4 school class; in her leisure hours, she enjoyed dancing, gardening,  
5 and hosting family gatherings, and she delighted in the time she  
6 spent traveling with her husband; moreover, she wrote and published  
7 a collection of poems entitled *Grandmother's Garden* at the age of  
8 81; and

9           WHEREAS, Although Claudette Jones is deeply missed, those who  
10 held her dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness she  
11 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st  
13 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Claudette Cox  
14 Jones and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:  
15 to her children, Adana Peloubet and her husband, John, Ami Cooper  
16 and her husband, Craig, Jan Forester and her husband, Sam, John  
17 Jones and his wife, Lisa, Jim Jones and his wife, Vicki, and Jerry  
18 Jones and his wife, Lisa; to her grandchildren and  
19 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and friends; and,  
20 be it further

21           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
23 day, it do so in memory of Claudette Jones.