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S.R. No. 44

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 Barbara Ruth Mize Abbott of Longview on April 9, 2025, at
3 the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Thomas and Alice Willis, the former
5 Barbara Willis was born in Lindale on February 12, 1948, and she
6 grew up in the Wood County area with the companionship of eight
7 siblings, Frank, Jessie, Marie, Joe, Earnest, Odessa, Joyce Ann,
8 and Dale; and

9 WHEREAS, She married K. T. Mize Jr. on October 9, 1965, and
10 the couple shared a fulfilling union that spanned 42 years until his
11 passing in 2008; fortunate enough to find love again, she wed Frank
12 Abbott Sr. on May 21, 2011; she took great pride in her four
13 children, Tony, Corey, Keenan, and Jennifer, and her three
14 stepsons, David, Preston, and Frank, and through the years, she had
15 the pleasure of seeing her treasured family grow to include 11
16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; she cherished the time
17 she spent with her loved ones above all else; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1982, Mrs. Abbott cofounded Longview Lawn &
19 Garden Equipment with her first husband, and two of her sons have
20 since assumed its ownership; a woman of strong faith, she was a
21 valued member of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church; in her leisure
22 hours, she enjoyed hosting game nights, baking, fishing, and
23 camping, and she also delighted in bird-watching and tending to her
24 garden; and

1 WHEREAS, Although she is deeply missed, the passage of time
2 will never diminish the joy and love that Barbara Abbott brought
3 into the lives of all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
5 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Ruth
6 Mize Abbott and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
7 family: to her husband, Frank Abbott Sr.; to her children, Tony Mize
8 and his wife, Lisa, Corey Mize and his wife, Beverly, Keenan Mize
9 and his wife, Traci, and Jennifer Johnson and her husband, David; to
10 her stepsons, David Abbott and his wife, Ann, Preston Abbott and his
11 wife, Susan, and Frank Abbott Jr. and his wife, Susan; to her
12 siblings, Odessa Willis Belcher, Joyce Ann Willis Bullard, and Dale
13 Willis and his wife, Patsy; to her grandchildren, Kimberly Mize
14 Williams and her husband, Alex, Kristina Mize Dorsey and her
15 husband, Rickey, Kacie Mize Spurr and her husband, Robbie, Dakota
16 Mize and his wife, Mariana, Montana Mize and his wife, Shaynee,
17 Nathan Mize and his wife, Tori, Lauren Mize, Tye Johnson, Kayla
18 Bradshaw, Casey Gunn, and Madison Schreiber; to her
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 Barbara Abbott.