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S.R. No. 51

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 Harris Tolleson of Longview on June 8, 2025, at  
3 the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Panola County on April 22, 1938, to Grady  
5 Harris and Syble Pitts Harris, the former Barbara Harris attended  
6 school in Tenaha and Houston before her family moved to Longview in  
7 1950; after graduating from Longview High School in 1955, she  
8 enrolled at the BMI Business Institute and worked as a secretary;  
9 she later rose to become a top salesperson at JCPenney, and she  
10 served as a beauty consultant with BeautiControl cosmetics; and

11 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Tolleson enjoyed the love  
12 and support of her husband, Joe, with whom she shared a rewarding  
13 marriage that spanned 46 years; she took great pride in her son,  
14 Kenneth, and her daughter, Kimberly, as well as her stepsons, John  
15 and Joe, and her treasured family eventually grew to include 11  
16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, A woman of profound faith, Mrs. Tolleson was a  
18 longtime member of Mobberly Baptist Church; she took pleasure in  
19 attending the school events of her grandchildren and such hobbies  
20 as home decorating, traveling, cooking, and crocheting; and

21 WHEREAS, Barbara Tolleson led a life of caring devotion to  
22 her loved ones, and although she is deeply missed, her spirit will  
23 forever live in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st

1 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Harris  
2 Tolleson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family:  
3 to her husband, Joe V. Tolleson; to her children, Kenneth Taylor and  
4 Kimberly Taylor Davis and her husband, Jamie; to her stepsons, John  
5 D. Tolleson and his wife, Ginette, and Joe D. Tolleson and his wife,  
6 Susan; to her sister-in-law, Judy Stanley and her husband, Larry;  
7 to her grandchildren, Karrie, Ryan, and Nicole Taylor, Taylor Gray,  
8 Allison Gentry, DeAnna and Chris Davis, and Trent, Trey, Kate, and  
9 Jack Tolleson; to her great-grandchildren; and to her other  
10 relatives and friends; and, be it further

11       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
13 day, it do so in memory of Barbara Tolleson.