

By: Hughes

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close
2 with the passing of Emma Renell Raney of Argo on July 20, 2025, at
3 the age of 100; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Els and Lola Babe Wilbanks, the
5 former "Nell" Wilbanks was born in Argo on March 20, 1925, and she
6 grew up with the companionship of two brothers, Alvin and Jude; and

7 WHEREAS, She married the love of her life, Charles Raney, on
8 December 28, 1944, and the couple went on to share a fulfilling
9 marriage that spanned seven decades until his passing in 2014;
10 Mrs. Raney took great pride in their children, Linda, Dale, Kim,
11 and Carolyn, who preceded her mother in death; with the passing
12 years, she had the privilege of watching her treasured family grow
13 to include 12 grandchildren, Angie, Brian, Jerilyn, Michael,
14 Cheryl, Michelle, Krissy, Matt, Vernon, Chris, Charles, and the
15 late Kasi Hopkins, as well as 21 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Raney was a lifelong member
17 of Argo Missionary Baptist Church; in her leisure time, she enjoyed
18 gardening, cooking, quilting, playing 42, traveling with family,
19 and supporting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in all
20 their endeavors; and

21 WHEREAS, Admired for her warmth, grace, and kindness, Nell
22 Raney brightened the world for all who knew her, and they will
23 forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Emma Renell Raney
2 and extend sincere condolences to her relatives and friends; and,
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
6 day, it do so in memory of Nell Raney.