

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 13

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of Mary E. Larsen Preuss Wilson of Sulphur Springs on
3 June 23, 2025, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Lawrence Larsen and Grace Anderson
5 Larsen, the former Mary Larsen was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on
6 September 16, 1932, and she grew up with the company of two
7 brothers, Ralph and Jack; the family moved several times before
8 settling in Texas when she was a teenager; after graduating from
9 Navasota High School, she attended Sam Houston State Teachers
10 College, where she met the love of her life, Eugene H. Preuss; they
11 married after her freshman year, and they were later blessed with
12 four children, Luanne, Suellen, Roy, and Ralph; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Preuss's career with Texas Power and Light took
14 the family to Taylor, Waco, Elgin, and then Sulphur Springs, where
15 Mrs. Preuss was able to complete her bachelor's degree in education
16 nearby at East Texas State University; after the family returned to
17 Taylor in 1979, she embarked on a 16-year career with the Taylor
18 Independent School District and took great enjoyment in working
19 with her sixth-grade students; and

20 WHEREAS, Following Mr. Preuss's passing in 1988, she was
21 fortunate enough to find love a second time and wed John Wilson in
22 1995; they shared happy times traveling and enjoying life on Lake
23 Buchanan in Burnet; following Mr. Wilson's death in 2000, she moved
24 back to Sulphur Springs to be close to her sons; she enjoyed playing

1 bridge, and she was a faithful member of First United Methodist
2 Church; one of her beloved grandchildren, Henry Preuss, also
3 preceded her in death; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Mary Wilson will be deeply missed, she has
5 left her family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
6 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
8 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary E. Larsen
9 Preuss Wilson and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
10 family: to her children, Luanne Prince, Suellen Smith and her
11 husband, Guy, Roy Preuss, and Ralph Preuss and his wife, Lisa; to
12 her grandchildren, Kristin Armstrong Urbano and her husband, Nick,
13 Robin Armstrong Bittick and her husband, Garrett, Rebecca Smith
14 Grosswiler and her husband, Jake, Stuart Smith, Richard England and
15 his wife, Sarah, and Rachel Preuss Mejia and her husband, Salvador;
16 to her great-grandchildren, Izzy Urbano, Cameron and Rhett Bittick,
17 Harley Smith, Lexi, Jaxon, Colton, and Kenzie Grosswiler, Allison
18 McMillan and her husband, Austin, Dylan Clark and his wife, Callie,
19 Porter, Archer, and Birdie England, Olive and Daisy Wilkinson, and
20 Sebastian and Sage Mejia; and to her other relatives and friends;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
24 day, it do so in memory of Mary E. Larsen Preuss Wilson.