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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Jimmie Ruth Jaynes Ford of Jefferson on
3 August 9, 2025, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Curtis and Fannie Schellinger
5 Jaynes, the former Jimmie Jaynes was born in Jefferson on
6 October 13, 1933, and she grew up with the companionship of two
7 sisters, Cozette and Darthea; following her graduation from
8 Jefferson High School in 1951, she continued her education at
9 East Texas Baptist College; and

10 WHEREAS, Professionally, Mrs. Ford distinguished herself
11 during her tenure as the office manager for Johnson's Tire; highly
12 civically engaged, she served as executive director of the Marion
13 County Chamber of Commerce, and she belonged to VFW Post No. 10373
14 in Jefferson for a quarter century, presiding over both the local
15 chapter and the district; in 1980, she was honored as Mother of the
16 Year by the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Ladies
17 Auxiliary; moreover, she was a longtime member of the Jessie Allen
18 Wise Garden Club; she also was active on the Marion County Child
19 Welfare Board and with the East Texas Council of Governments, and
20 she assisted with the Historic Jefferson Foundation Candlelight
21 Tour of Homes; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ford was blessed with the love and support of
23 her husband, Edward Sherman Ford, who preceded her in death in 1989;
24 above all else, she was a devoted mother to her daughter, Betty, and

1 she delighted in becoming "Nana" to her grandson; a woman of faith,
2 she was a valued congregant of First United Methodist Church of
3 Jefferson; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Jimmie Ford is greatly missed, she has left
5 her loved ones with many cherished memories, and she will forever
6 hold a special place in their hearts; 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 Jimmie Ruth Jaynes
9 Ford and extend deepest condolences to the members of her family: to
10 her daughter, Betty Ford Grubbs, and her husband, Jeff; to her
11 grandson, Joshua Lynn Grubbs; to her niece, Karen McIntosh, and her
12 husband, Jan; to her nephews, Curtis Kasner and his wife, Nancy,
13 Brad Tolleson and his wife, Susan, and Blair Tolleson and his wife,
14 Maria; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
17 day, it do so in memory of Jimmie Ford.