

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

In Memory
of
Barbara Bell

WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the passing of Barbara Wilkison Bell of Longview on June 20, 2025, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Cody and Gladys Wilkison, the former Barbara Wilkison was born in Hubbard on June 6, 1931, and she grew up with the companionship of a sister, Alice Faye; after graduating from Dawson High School in 1949, she earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Baylor University; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, she married Joe Bell, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage until his passing in 2010; they became the proud parents of three sons, Martin, Blake, and David, who preceded his parents in death; through the years, her cherished family grew to include three grandchildren, Marshall, Eric, and John, and one great-grandson, Jacob; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Mrs. Bell worked for Southwest Reserve Life Insurance, Lone Star Steel, and Panola Junior College; she also owned and operated the Falling Leaves Inn bed and breakfast in Jefferson for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bell was a talented choir singer, and she also enjoyed cooking and traveling across the globe; a woman of faith, she was a valued member of First Baptist Church of Longview; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Wilkison Bell and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her sons, Martin Bell and his wife, Kendra, and Blake Bell; to her daughter-in-law, Cynthia Weisinger Bell; to her grandchildren, Marshall Bell, Eric Bell, and John Bell and his wife, Courtlyn; to her great-grandson, Jacob Bell; to her brother-in-law, Edwin Bell, and his wife, Carolyn; to her sister-in-law, Jean Bell; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on September 4, 2025,
by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate