

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 159

In Memory  
of  
Gladys Stone

**WHEREAS**, All who shared in the life of Gladys Faye Avitts Stone of Longview were deeply saddened by her death on July 23, 2024, at the age of 85; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Hazard, Kentucky, the former Gladys Avitts was born to Lester and Abby Brown Avitts on July 16, 1939, and grew up sharing in the companionship of 11 siblings; she and her family moved to Texas when she was 12 years old, and after graduating from Friendswood High School in 1958, she attended Friends Bible College in Kansas, where she excelled at tennis; and

**WHEREAS**, Following college, Mrs. Stone returned to Texas and worked as a respiratory therapist at East Texas Chest Hospital in Tyler; she was active in her community over the years, serving as a Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and as a delegate to a number of Republican conventions; moreover, she was a valued member of her church and enjoyed singing in the choir; and

**WHEREAS**, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Stone benefited from the love and support of her husband, Glenn, with whom she shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 63 years; she was the proud mother of two sons, Glenn and Charles, and she was further blessed with four grandchildren, Mason, Lauren, Charles, and the late Amanda Stone, and six great-grandchildren, Maci, Kayleigh, Myles, Spencer, Maverick, and Daisy Faye; during her leisure hours, she took pleasure in spending time outdoors and at the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Gladys Stone is greatly missed, those who held her dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness she brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gladys Faye Avitts Stone and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Glenn R. Stone Sr.; to her sons, Glenn Stone Jr. and his wife, Mary Kay, and Charles Stone and his wife, Felesha; to her grandchildren, Mason Stone and his wife, Tausha, Lauren Stone Watkins and her husband, Levi, and Charles Dalton Stone; to her great-grandchildren, Maci, Kayleigh, Myles, and Spencer Stone and Maverick and Daisy Faye Stone Watkins; and to her 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 Gladys Stone.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate