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S.R. No. 159

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Gladys Faye Avitts  
2 Stone of Longview were deeply saddened by her death on July 23,  
3 2024, at the age of 85; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Although Gladys Stone is greatly missed, those who

1 held her dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness she  
2 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
4 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gladys Faye Avitts Stone and  
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
6 husband, Glenn R. Stone Sr.; to her sons, Glenn Stone Jr. and his  
7 wife, Mary Kay, and Charles Stone and his wife, Felesha; to her  
8 grandchildren, Mason Stone and his wife, Tausha, Lauren Stone  
9 Watkins and her husband, Levi, and Charles Dalton Stone; to her  
10 great-grandchildren, Maci, Kayleigh, Myles, and Spencer Stone and  
11 Maverick and Daisy Faye Stone Watkins; and to her other relatives  
12 and friends; and, be it further

13       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
15 day, it do so in memory of Gladys Stone.