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S.R. No. 669

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 Dorothy Jean Thornton Keasler of
3 Hallsville on April 23, 2025, at the age of 96; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Dorothy Thornton was born on November 3,
5 1928, to Robert and Addie Thornton, and she grew up with the
6 companionship of two siblings, Wayne and Merle; after attending
7 Indian Rock High School, she went on to earn a degree in education
8 from East Texas Baptist College; she enjoyed a rewarding career as
9 an English teacher with the Hallsville Independent School District,
10 and she also taught Sunday school and was a devoted congregant of
11 First Baptist Church in Hallsville; and

12 WHEREAS, On November 19, 1944, she married Sydney J. Keasler
13 II, with whom she shared a fulfilling union that spanned 63 years
14 until his passing; the couple were blessed with three children,
15 Judy, Karen, and Syd, and over the years, their family grew to
16 include numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to spending time with her loved ones,
18 Mrs. Keasler delighted in travel, taking memorable trips to Cuba,
19 the Holy Land, Hawaii, and Alaska; she was also dedicated to her
20 faith community and shared her personal testimony with groups in
21 Texas and Louisiana for many years; moreover, she served as chair of
22 the Christian Women's Club in Longview and was a member of the
23 Chancellor Club at LeTourneau University; and

24 WHEREAS, Although Dorothy Keasler is deeply missed, memories

1 of her abiding faith, her infectious laughter, and her witty sense
2 of humor remain to comfort and inspire those she leaves behind; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
5 hereby pay tribute to the life of Dorothy Jean Thornton Keasler and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
7 children, Judy Wheatley, Karen Adams and her husband, Bob, and Syd
8 Keasler and his wife, Kathy; to her sister, Merle Cross; to her
9 grandchildren, Tommy Wheatley, Dennis Dillard, Kimberly Adams,
10 Kyle Adams, Misty Keasler, and David Keasler and his wife, Sarah; to
11 her great-grandchildren, Madeline and Molly Moore, Anna and Isaac
12 Adams, Colin and Cameron Dillard, Sydney, Scarlett, and Jasper
13 Gibb, and Theo, Norah, and Zoe Keasler; and to her other relatives
14 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 Dorothy Keasler.