H.C.R. No. 110

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A full and purposeful life came to an end with the passing of Mary Jo Floyd Hughes of Belk on February 11, 2009, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 3, 1925, to Earl Kelley and Lillian Floyd of Lamar County, the former Mary Jo Floyd grew up on a family farm with nine brothers and sisters; she graduated from Deport High School in 1942 and went on to work as a bookkeeper and typist for First National Bank in Paris, Texas; she later became secretary to the manager of Lamar Cotton Oil Company and, in 1946, secretary to the district manager of Texas Power and Light Company; and

WHEREAS, This beloved Texan married Joel B. Hughes on December 8, 1946, and the couple lived in Belk, where they owned and operated the Hughes Ranch during their 63 rewarding years of marriage; the couple were blessed with two children, Bradley and Joella, and had the pleasure of welcoming a grandson, Rhett, into the family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hughes devoted herself to home life for several years, raising her children and tending her ranch with the same dedication and skill that she brought to her professional endeavors; her passion for business administration returned once her children reached school age, and she began a 40-year tenure as office manager for Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Mrs. Hughes belonged to the Paris Business and Professional Women's Club for 63
years and served as its president, and she was a congregant of
Calvary United Methodist Church; in addition, she took an active
role in the movement for gender equality in the workplace,
mentoring and encouraging young women to take their place as
leaders in the business world; the widespread respect she earned
for her own career achievements was reflected in her selection as
Business Woman of the Year in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Hughes approached each of her pursuits with
unflagging optimism and enthusiasm, bringing happiness to many
along the way; although she is deeply missed, those fortunate
enough to have known her will forever treasure their memories of
time spent in her company; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Jo Floyd Hughes and extend
sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Joel
B. Hughes; to her children, Bradley W. Hughes and Joella Hughes
Lucas and her husband, Carl; to her grandson, Rhett Hughes
Hutchens; to her brother, Kelley W. Floyd; to her special friends,
Michael Singer, Joyce Kenney, and Elsie Parson; 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 House of
Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
Mary Jo Hughes.

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 110 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2009.

I certify that H.C.R. No. 110 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on April 21, 2009.

APPROVED: 6 MAY '09

Date

Rick Perry
Governor