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H.R. No. 1653

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Cynthia Kincannon Merritt of Allen, who died on August
3 8, 2020, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Cynthia Kincannon was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma,
5 on August 15, 1937, to Dewey and Vera Kincannon, and she graduated
6 from Enid High School in 1955; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1954, she married Richard Merritt, and the couple
8 shared a loving relationship that spanned 65 years, until his
9 death; they were the parents of four children, and their family
10 eventually grew to include many grandchildren and
11 great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Merritt followed her husband to San Diego as he
13 served in the U.S. Navy and, after his discharge, to Norman,
14 Oklahoma; during his 13 years with Texas Instruments, the family
15 lived in Dallas, Austin, and Houston; working for several different
16 employers and sometimes for themselves, they went on to live again
17 in Dallas, and in Plano, Flower Mound, and Two Rivers, Wisconsin,
18 before retiring to Lucas, Texas; Mrs. Merritt enjoyed traveling
19 with her husband following their retirement, and she loved reading
20 to her grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, A woman of strong religious conviction,
22 Mrs. Merritt was active in her local church wherever she lived; in
23 Plano, she was the financial secretary of Central Baptist Church,
24 and at Berean Baptist Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, she taught a

1 class for girls and served in the outreach ministry; in Lucas, she
2 was active with First Baptist Church of Fairview; and

3 WHEREAS, Cynthia Merritt lived a rich and purposeful life
4 dedicated to her family and her faith, and she enriched the lives of
5 all those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Cynthia Kincannon
8 Merritt and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family:
9 to her children, Cynthia Bagley and her husband, Randy, Brian
10 Merritt, Lori Merritt, and Keith Merritt and his wife, Carole
11 Caver; to her grandchildren, Angela and Rob, Rachel and Luke, Amber
12 and John, Jonathan and Jessica, Andrew, Elisa and Adam, and
13 Courtney; to her great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Tony, Megan and
14 Jack, Linda and Eva May, Caleb and Bailey, and Annie Mae and Austin;
15 to her sister, Sharon Parker, and her husband, Allen; and to her
16 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cynthia
20 Merritt.