

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Mary Ann Dodds on May 24, 2022, at the age of 83; and

3 WHEREAS, The only child of Russell and Erma Chamberlain, the
4 former Mary Ann Chamberlain was born on July 13, 1938, in Clay
5 Center, Kansas, and she grew up in nearby Riley; she attended Riley
6 High School, where she was an exceptional student and a
7 cheerleader, and she also had a job at the local drug store; she
8 continued her education at Kansas State University, and during her
9 college years, she worked for the president of the university and
10 participated in Pi Beta Phi; and

11 WHEREAS, On August 18, 1957, she wed her childhood
12 sweetheart, DeLoss Dodds; in the course of their 64 years of
13 marriage, Mrs. Dodds supported her husband in his career as a
14 university track coach and athletics director, serving as the team
15 "mom" and traveling to sporting events around the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Dodds was a devoted mother to
17 her three children, Doug, Deidre, and Debra, and she delighted in
18 becoming "Nana" to her seven grandchildren, Steffan, Hailey, Will,
19 Sommer, Emily, Alexis, and Allison, and two great-grandchildren,
20 Bennett and Kathleen; she enjoyed cooking and baking for her loved
21 ones, who cherished her Sunday night dinners, and she was renowned
22 for her chocolate "track cake"; and

23 WHEREAS, Admired for her warmth, wit, and elegance, Mary Ann
24 Dodds brightened the world for all who knew her, and they will

1 forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
4 of Mary Ann Dodds and extend sincere condolences to her loved ones;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary Ann
9 Dodds.

Howard

H.R. No. 16

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 16 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 13, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House