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H.R. No. 572

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the passing of Iris Brite Porter on July 19, 2022,
3 at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Pleasanton on July 12, 1933, to Thomas and
5 Nora Brite, the former Iris Wilsie Brite grew up with the
6 companionship of four older siblings, Rita, Ralph, Bessie, and
7 Taylor; her father taught her that education was the key to success,
8 and through hard work and discipline, she was named valedictorian
9 of Pleasanton High School before graduating summa cum laude from
10 Texas State University in 1953; and

11 WHEREAS, The following year, she exchanged wedding vows with
12 Norman Porter, with whom she shared more than six decades of
13 marriage until his passing; she was a devoted mother to her son,
14 Norman, and also cherished her three grandchildren, her nine
15 great-grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews; and

16 WHEREAS, After teaching in Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and
17 Bronte, Mrs. Porter returned to Pleasanton, where she became the
18 district's only special education teacher; she was later elevated
19 to the role of special education director, before starting and
20 directing a special education co-op of five school districts; she
21 was deeply dedicated to ensuring that all students with
22 disabilities were provided the support they needed and were treated
23 with respect and kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1990, Mrs. Porter began a new chapter in her life

1 when she entered law school; she graduated from St. Mary's
2 University School of Law at the age of 60 and was chosen by her peers
3 to be the featured speaker at her graduation ceremony; from there,
4 she practiced law up until the date of her passing, and she earned a
5 reputation as a tough but caring advocate for her clients, most of
6 whom had nowhere else to turn for help; and

7 WHEREAS, Iris Brite Porter inspired many people through her
8 exemplary professional achievements and her fierce commitment to
9 the underserved, and she will long be remembered with affection and
10 admiration by all who had the good fortune to know her; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Iris Brite Porter and
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her son,
15 Norman Porter, and his wife, Amy; to her grandchildren, Nolan Brite
16 Porter and his wife, Lisa, Erin Kathleen Porter Wells and her
17 husband, JJ, and Ross Shafer Porter and his wife, Estelle; to her
18 great-grandchildren, Miles, London, Noah, and Harlow Iris Porter,
19 Lake, Ruby, and Forrest Wells, and Evangeline and Charli Porter;
20 and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Iris Brite
24 Porter.