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H.R. No. 1129

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A caring and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Betty Lou Pendergraft Angelo on February 5, 2023, at the  
3 age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The only child of Clifford and Betty Pendergraft,  
5 "Penny" Angelo was born on September 2, 1935, in Galveston; a member  
6 of the Class of 1953 at Lamar High School in Houston, she continued  
7 her education at The University of Texas at Austin, and following  
8 her graduation in 1957, she began teaching eighth-grade physical  
9 education and science in Odessa; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 27, 1958, she married the love of her  
11 life, Ernest Angelo Jr., and the happy couple moved to Midland,  
12 where they raised two daughters, Helen and Patricia, and two sons,  
13 Ernest and Cliff; Mrs. Angelo devoted herself to supporting her  
14 children in all of their activities, and later in life, she  
15 delighted in becoming "Gren" to her eight grandchildren, Betsy,  
16 Kimberly, Molly, Maggie, Connor, Murphy, Colin, and Peyton; with  
17 the passing years, she was further blessed with two  
18 great-grandchildren, Ellianna and Alfred; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to caring for her family, Mrs. Angelo  
20 took an active role in her community, serving on the Texas Medical  
21 Board and becoming a founding member of the Wagner Noël Performing  
22 Arts Center; moreover, she was involved in the Midland County  
23 Republican Women, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the  
24 Junior League, and Gamma Phi Beta, among other organizations, and

1 she was a valued congregant at St. Ann's Catholic Church; she was a  
2 woman of many talents, equally skilled at cooking, needlepoint, and  
3 quilting; during the summers, she could often be found on the Taylor  
4 River in Colorado with her loved ones or hosting "Granny Camp" for  
5 her grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to her family, her faith, and her  
7 community, Penny Angelo earned the lasting respect and admiration  
8 of all who were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Betty Lou Pendergraft  
11 Angelo and extend sincere condolences to her relatives and friends;  
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Penny  
16 Angelo.