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H.R. No. 1141

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of admired educator Lou Ellen Truesdale of Killeen on
3 December 31, 2022, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Joe and Bernice Cooper, the former
5 Ellen Cooper was born on November 6, 1945; she grew up on the family
6 farm between Holland and Salado with six younger siblings, James,
7 Rebecca, Peggy, Wanda, Karen, and John; after graduating from
8 Holland High School, she completed her bachelor's degree in health
9 and physical education at Mary Hardin-Baylor College and began
10 teaching at Sugar Loaf Elementary School in Killeen; on July 20,
11 1968, she was joined in matrimony to Charles A. Truesdale; and

12 WHEREAS, When Smith Middle School opened on Fort Hood,
13 Mrs. Truesdale was recruited to teach P.E. and coach volleyball,
14 basketball, and track; she then joined the faculty of the new
15 Ellison High School, where she initially coached and taught both
16 health and P.E.; later, she focused on teaching and launched
17 Ellison's first outdoor education and CPR/first aid classes; she
18 was a mentor to other teachers, and she and her husband took her
19 outdoor education students on overnight campouts; named Secondary
20 Teacher of the Year for 1981 by the Killeen Classroom Teachers
21 Association, she was honored as Outstanding Teacher of the Year at
22 Ellison as well; in 2002, she retired, following a distinguished
23 35-year career; and

24 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Truesdale joined First United

1 Methodist Church in 1968 and became very active in worship groups
2 and such activities as MYF, Sunday school, fried pie-making, and
3 Abigail Circle, which she particularly enjoyed; she and her husband
4 spent countless happy hours camping, backpacking, canoeing,
5 hunting, and fishing together, especially in the Rocky Mountains of
6 Colorado and Wyoming and with Remington Steel, their treasured dog;
7 for 45 years, Mrs. Truesdale was a committee member of the
8 Killeen/Fort Hood Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, and she was a race
9 official for Texas Water Safari for almost three decades; she was
10 also an officer of the Governor Samuel Mathews Chapter, National
11 Society Colonial Dames XVII Century; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Ellen Truesdale is greatly missed by those
13 she left behind, they will forever remember the warmth and kindness
14 she brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lou Ellen Truesdale
17 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
18 husband, Chuck Truesdale; to her siblings, Peggy Sralla, Wanda
19 Cooper, Karen Sanders, and John Cooper; and to all others who mourn
20 her passing; 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 Lou Ellen
24 Truesdale.