

H.R. No. 1351

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 Sharon Carol Shugert of El Paso on November 3, 2024, at
3 the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of James M. H. and Mary Alice Shugert,
5 "Shay" Shugert was born in Brownsville on November 10, 1942, and she
6 grew up with the companionship of three younger siblings, Mamie,
7 Ed, and Jimmy; as part of a military family, she lived in a number of
8 places around the world during her childhood, including Japan and
9 Germany, before settling in El Paso; in 1961, she graduated from
10 Burges High School, and she went on to earn her bachelor's and
11 master's degrees in education from The University of Texas at El
12 Paso; and

13 WHEREAS, A lifelong passionate educator, Ms. Shugert spent
14 three decades in the classroom and distinguished herself by going
15 the extra mile to benefit her students; during her 20-year tenure at
16 Hawkins Elementary School, she inspired her students by organizing
17 multiple field trips each year to visit outdoor areas, amusement
18 parks, and other destinations, often covering the cost out of her
19 own pocket; she became a positive influence in the lives of her
20 students and maintained relationships with many of them as they
21 grew into adulthood; in recognition of her efforts, she was named
22 the school's 1989-1990 teacher of the year; later in her career, she
23 moved into a curriculum and training management role with the El
24 Paso Independent School District, and after retiring, she worked

1 part-time as a reading interventionist for children who were
2 neurodivergent or who otherwise needed assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, Active in her community, she volunteered countless
4 hours with the American Cancer Society, and she served as a scout
5 leader with the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; a woman of
6 devout faith, she was a valued member of Immanuel Baptist Church; in
7 her leisure time, she enjoyed reading, traveling, and going to the
8 movie theater; and

9 WHEREAS, Devoted to her loved ones above all else,
10 Ms. Shugert was the proud mother of four daughters, twins Terry and
11 Tammy, Sandy, and Jen; over the years, her cherished family grew to
12 include five grandchildren, Dylan, Adam, James, Alice, and Rooney;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Shay Shugert
15 will remember the way she touched their lives with her warmth and
16 delightful sense of humor, and she will forever hold a treasured
17 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sharon Carol
20 Shugert and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family:
21 to her daughters, Sandy Titus-Hill and her husband, James, and Jen
22 Shugert and her partner, Jaime Nolasco; to her grandchildren,
23 Dylan, Adam, James, Alice, and Rooney; to her sister, Mamie Cross
24 Young, and her husband, Thorton; to her brother, Ed Shugert, and his
25 wife, Mary; to her niece, Chelsea Shugert; and to her other
26 relatives and friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shay
3 Shugert.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1351 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House