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H.R. No. 24

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Texas lost a beloved friend, teacher,  
2 and state leader on July 25, 2003, with the passing of Roberta  
3 Reynolds of Brazoria at the age of 61; and

4           WHEREAS, This esteemed lady was born in Dallas on May 9, 1942,  
5 and grew up in the Rio Grande Valley; she received her bachelor of  
6 arts degree from The University of Texas--Pan American and her  
7 master of arts degree from Texas Woman's University and, to the  
8 delight of her grandmother, became a public school teacher; and

9           WHEREAS, Always known as a strong, independent thinker, she  
10 had, as a five-year-old child, gone alone to the office of the  
11 school superintendent to ask for better housing for her father, the  
12 local basketball coach; and

13           WHEREAS, She brought that same direct manner to her teaching  
14 career and became an advocate for her profession through her  
15 involvement in the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA);  
16 having started a local chapter in the Angleton Independent School  
17 District in the 1980s, she worked her way up from district president  
18 to regional representative and ultimately became president of the  
19 33,000-member statewide organization in 1996; and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Reynolds served the TCTA with distinction,  
21 working tirelessly in behalf of educators in Austin and across the  
22 state, and she was instrumental in setting policies and changing  
23 procedures to benefit the members of her profession; and

24           WHEREAS, A dedicated worker and caring teacher who influenced

1 many lives in her more than three decades as an educator, she was  
2 known for her exceptional organizational skills, compassion,  
3 intelligence, honesty, and effectiveness; and

4 WHEREAS, Respected by her colleagues, admired by her  
5 thousands of students, and loved by her family and friends, Mrs.  
6 Reynolds will long be missed and remembered by all those who were  
7 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
10 Roberta Reynolds and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her  
11 family: to her husband, Phil Reynolds; to her parents, Bob and Ann  
12 Harbour; to her brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Ann Marie  
13 Harbour; to her stepchildren, Jeff and Emily Reynolds, Todd  
14 Reynolds, and Melissa and Doug Layne; to her four grandchildren;  
15 and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roberta  
19 Reynolds.