

By: Baxter

H.R. No. 58

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Patti Lynch Shields of
2 Austin suffered a great loss with the passing of this beloved woman
3 on August 18, 2003, at the age of 55; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Waco, Mrs. Shields grew up in Lampasas; she
5 attended Baylor University, where she was a member of Chi Omega
6 Sorority, and graduated in 1969 with a degree in education; and

7 WHEREAS, While teaching in Copperas Cove, she began a
8 whirlwind romance with Brad Shields, then a soldier at Fort Hood;
9 the couple became engaged after dating for two weeks and married in
10 June 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, After moving to Austin with her husband, Mrs.
12 Shields taught fifth grade at Eanes Elementary School and later
13 taught at various other schools in the Austin area; she also enjoyed
14 a successful career for more than 10 years as a real estate broker,
15 during which time she became fast friends with many of her clients;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shields loved Austin for many reasons, not the
18 least of them being the dynamic political environment that one
19 finds in a capital city; a longtime political activist, she
20 assisted the campaigns of many Republican candidates, including
21 those of George W. Bush, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Susan Combs, Barbara
22 Culver, and Todd Baxter; in recent years she had further enjoyed the
23 opportunity to serve as a county election judge; and

24 WHEREAS, She also contributed to her community in a number of

1 other ways, serving as a neighborhood reporter for the *Austin*
2 *American-Statesman* and holding memberships in the Laguna Gloria Art
3 Guild and the Junior League; and

4 WHEREAS, Warm and outgoing, Mrs. Shields cherished her myriad
5 friendships and approached life with a zest that was suffused by her
6 deep religious faith; she was a valued congregant of Westlake Hills
7 Presbyterian Church and a member of Priority Associates; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Patti Shields completed her journey on this
9 earth far too soon, those who treasured this caring and
10 accomplished woman are deeply thankful for the immeasurable
11 blessing of her presence in their lives, and the love they shared
12 with her will forever light their hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
15 life of Patti Lynch Shields and extend sincere sympathy to the
16 members of her family: to her husband of 30 years, Bradford T.
17 Shields; to her children, Brad and Jennifer Shields; to her sister,
18 Janice Ryan; to her brother, Mike Lynch; and to her other relatives
19 and many friends; and, be it further

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