

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 890

In Memory
of
Betty Sue Shelton Sawyer

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Hillsboro in mourning the loss of Betty Sue Shelton Sawyer, who died April 22, 2003, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Betty Sue was born in Chapman Ranch on September 10, 1934, to Cora Jowell and Clifton Durwood Shelton; she married G. Ray Sawyer in June of 1957, and the couple raised their three children in a wonderful, loving environment on their family farm; and

WHEREAS, She earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from North Texas State University, where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Betty Sue pursued her passion for children's education by teaching elementary school in Fort Worth and Hillsboro; she also helped create and operate Sawyer Farms, the family business, and in recent years she owned and operated Canterberry's, an antique, tableware, and gift store in Hillsboro; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary member of her community, Betty Sue was active in many educational and civic organizations, including the Philotechnos Club and the Hillsboro Heritage League, and she was a past president and a life member of the Sesame Club, a women's service organization; in 2000, she established the G. Ray Sawyer Memorial Scholarship Fund for Hill County students attending Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Betty Sue had been a member since 1968 of the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro, where she established the children's choir, participated in the sanctuary choir, and was involved in the restoration of the church's pipe organ; and

WHEREAS, Betty Sue Shelton Sawyer was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Betty Sue Shelton Sawyer: her children and their spouses, John Ray Sawyer and Natasha, Lisa Sawyer Feather and Robert, and Joel Timothy Sawyer and Julie; and her six grandchildren; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betty Sue Shelton Sawyer.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate