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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The lives of U.S. soldiers in Iraq are made brighter  
2 by the immense care and concern of dedicated people in communities  
3 across the country, and one such individual is Shirley Pippin of  
4 Dallas, who made immeasurable contributions to the well-being of  
5 the 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor  
6 Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team of the Texas Army National  
7 Guard; and

8           WHEREAS, With thoughtfulness and compassion, this esteemed  
9 Texan encouraged and supported the members of the platoon; the  
10 arrival of her care packages and letters was always a joyous event,  
11 but her regular correspondence through e-mails became a vital part  
12 of their days; responding to specific requests and concerns, she  
13 developed personal relationships with each of them; indeed it was  
14 not long before they began calling her "Gram" while they were known  
15 to her affectionately as the "Hooligan Platoon"; and

16           WHEREAS, The experience of war calls on the courage of  
17 civilians and soldiers alike as each sustains the other through  
18 burdens great and small, and in Ms. Pippin's willingness to reach  
19 out and the soldiers' warm reception, they made a deep connection  
20 that time does not diminish; a true display of patriotism,  
21 Ms. Pippin's actions will long be remembered by every individual  
22 whose life she touched; and

23           WHEREAS, Throughout history women have been an integral part  
24 of wartime endeavors, whether as soldiers themselves, nurses,

1 factory workers, or citizen advocates offering an unexpected source  
2 of friendship, and in her generous and heartfelt support of the  
3 members of the 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, Shirley Pippin has  
4 earned a place in this most respected legacy; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Shirley Pippin for  
7 her outstanding efforts to bring comfort and cheer to members of the  
8 "Hooligan Platoon" during their service in Iraq and extend to her  
9 sincere best wishes for much happiness and success in the future;  
10 and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Shirley Pippin as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.