

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of Evelyn Eastham Pitts, which brought so
2 much joy and happiness into the lives of others, ended all too soon
3 with her death on June 6, 2004, at the age of 56, and her passing has
4 brought a tremendous loss to her family and the entire Ellis County
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, this
7 fourth-generation Ellis County resident was born August 22, 1947,
8 in Dallas; after graduating from Waxahachie High School, she
9 attended Southern Methodist University, where she earned a
10 bachelor's degree in business; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pitts was a proud and active member of the
12 Waxahachie community throughout her life, serving a host of civic
13 organizations, including the Baylor/Waxahachie Hospital Board of
14 Directors, the Waxahachie Parks Board, Historic Waxahachie, the
15 Waxahachie Foundation, the Ellis County Museum Board, the HOPE
16 Clinic Board of Directors, the Waxahachie Symphony Association, and
17 the Nicholas P. Sims Library Capital Campaign Drive; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, she lent her time and talents to such
19 worthy groups as the Heirloom Club, the Friday Book Club, the
20 Gardener's Limited Garden Club, Ellis County Republican Women, and
21 the Texas Legislative Wives Club; Mrs. Pitts was also a charter
22 member of the Crape Myrtle Council, a former president of the
23 Waxahachie Ex-Students Association, and a valued member of the
24 First United Methodist Church of Waxahachie; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pitts was recognized for her invaluable
2 contributions to the city in 2003, when she was named First Lady of
3 Waxahachie, an honor bestowed on both her mother, Frances Eastham,
4 and her grandmother, Lena Peters; and

5 WHEREAS, Above all else, this dedicated wife and mother
6 cherished her husband of many years, State Representative Jim
7 Pitts, and her children, Duffy, Ashley, and Ryan; and

8 WHEREAS, A woman of great warmth and kindness, Evelyn Pitts
9 leaves behind an enduring legacy her loved ones will carry with them
10 through the years: treasured memories transported in hearts that
11 will forever remember her sweet laughter, nurturing touch,
12 sustaining love, and boundless compassion; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Evelyn
15 Eastham Pitts and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her
16 family: to her husband, State Representative Jim Pitts; to her
17 daughters, Ashley Pitts and Duffy Pitts Bloemendal and her husband,
18 Scotty; to her son, Ryan Pitts; to her sister, Ellen Zinn and her
19 husband, Tim; to her niece, Jacqueline Zinn; to her mother-in-law,
20 Agnes Pitts; to her sister-in-law, Rosemary Burns and her husband,
21 Bob; to her brother-in-law, John Pitts and his wife, Mary Bain; to
22 her nephews, Mike Burns, John Pitts, Jr., and Jamie Pitts; and to
23 her other relatives and countless friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Evelyn
4 Eastham Pitts.

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Burnam	Hegar	Pena
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 15 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on January 11, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House