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H.R. No. 403

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives joins the  
2 citizens of Eastland in mourning the loss of Patsy Marie White  
3 Alexander, an eighth-generation Texan and pearl of her family's  
4 eye, who died on February 3, 2007, at the age of 62; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on February 15, 1944, in Eastland, Patsy  
6 Alexander became a registered nurse in 1968 after attending the  
7 Saint Paul School of Nursing Daughters of Charity and the  
8 University of Dallas; she then became a certified registered nurse  
9 anesthetist in 1970 upon graduation from the Baylor University  
10 School of Anesthesia in Dallas; and

11           WHEREAS, She married Charles Preston Chick in 1963; they were  
12 married for 11 years and settled in Eastland, where she began her  
13 career with Eastland Memorial Hospital and other area hospitals; it  
14 was during this period in her life that she became a mother, a role  
15 in which she excelled; she was blessed with the birth of her  
16 daughter, Lisa Gail Chick, on August 11, 1970, and the birth of her  
17 son, Craig Preston Chick, on January 3, 1973; and

18           WHEREAS, A dedicated nurse, this caring professional never  
19 stopped learning; she was a member of the Texas Association of Nurse  
20 Anesthetists and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists,  
21 and she was certified in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric  
22 advanced life support, and neonatal resuscitation; and

23           WHEREAS, On July 5, 1975, she married Dr. Billy Bob  
24 Alexander, whom she referred to as the love of her life and the

1 light of her day; together they tended to the medical needs of many  
2 Eastland residents for nearly 30 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Active in civic affairs as well, Mrs. Alexander  
4 served 4-1/2 terms as a commissioner for the City of Eastland,  
5 during which she played a major role in the renovation of the  
6 downtown square and the historic Connellee Hotel; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexander was a devout Christian who practiced  
8 her faith in her daily life; she was a member of the First Christian  
9 Church Disciples of Christ in Eastland, where she participated in  
10 many volunteer opportunities, from serving on the church board to  
11 leading the Family Life Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she  
13 gave generously to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued  
14 counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

15 WHEREAS, Patsy Alexander was the matriarch of her family; her  
16 goal in life was to make all things better, even when being the  
17 family's rock was most difficult; and

18 WHEREAS, Pitty Pat, as Patsy was affectionately referred to  
19 by her family, was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and her  
20 family and friends will continue to live with the cherished  
21 memories of her life and her many accomplishments; now, therefore,  
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved  
25 family of Patsy Marie White Alexander: to her beloved husband,  
26 Dr. Billy Bob Alexander; to her children, Lisa Chick, Craig Chick,  
27 Kay Hunt, Robin Harvey, Terry Alexander, and Jodi Madden; to her

1 siblings, Odie White, Thomas White, Barbara Burns, and Sue  
2 Williamson; and to her eight grandchildren and four  
3 great-grandchildren; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House  
6 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Patsy  
7 Marie White Alexander.