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H.R. No. 1498

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Margaret Sheers Putnam of Albany who passed away on March 27,
4 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 20, 1910, in Houston, Mrs. Putnam
6 earned a bachelor's degree in English from West Texas State
7 Teachers College in 1932 and a master's degree in library science
8 from the University of Illinois in 1937; she began her teaching
9 career at Panhandle High School, where she also served as
10 librarian; she was later employed as a librarian by Austin High
11 School in El Paso and Amarillo High School; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Putnam's library expertise benefited
13 nonstudents as well; in 1948 she joined the Albany Study Club and
14 during her tenure as president in 1956, the club founded the
15 Shackelford County Library in Albany, which continues to be a vital
16 resource for area residents; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1940, the former Margaret Sheers married Joseph
18 Carrol Putnam and became actively involved in the operation of the
19 family ranch, particularly in preserving its historical
20 significance; a gracious hostess, Mrs. Putnam entertained visitors
21 and area tourists and continued to run the ranch after her husband's
22 death in 1970; and

23 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by all who knew her,
24 Margaret Putnam brought a generosity of spirit and an unfailing

1 integrity to all her endeavors, and she built a life that was
2 remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margaret Sheers
6 Putnam and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
7 to her children, Joseph Carrol Putnam, Jr., and his wife, Jan Hart,
8 Margaret Anne Putnam and her husband, Marvin Hale, Julia Putnam,
9 and John Putnam and his wife, Rita; to her grandchildren, Evelyn
10 Hale, and Joe, Sarah, and Robert Putnam; to her cousin, Lucille
11 Blakeway; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Margaret
15 Sheers Putnam.