

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 196

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Mount Pleasant lost a dedicated civic  
2 leader and a cherished friend with the passing of Judy Broach  
3 Hammonds on April 5, 2009, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Mount Pleasant, the former Judy Broach  
5 was born on December 5, 1948, to Harrel and Mataline Anderson  
6 Broach; she went on to graduate from Mount Pleasant High School in  
7 1967, and she later embarked on a career as a teacher in public  
8 schools across the state; she also returned to her alma mater as an  
9 English, speech, and drama instructor; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Hammonds volunteered at Shelter Agencies for  
11 Families in East Texas and in 2006 joined the organization's staff  
12 as the financial director; the following year, she became a  
13 prevention educator and advocate; she regularly reached above and  
14 beyond the requirements of her position to assist her clients, and  
15 she was named the SAFE-T Employee of the Year for 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, Active in a number of community service endeavors,  
17 Ms. Hammonds organized an elder health care coalition of  
18 representatives from nursing homes, home health agencies, and  
19 hospitals, through which she helped develop curricula and programs  
20 for senior citizens and hosted a monthly training for certified  
21 nursing assistants from area counties; this esteemed Texan also  
22 created a domestic violence response agency that she named Ounce of  
23 Prevention, and she was appointed chair of the Titus County  
24 Historical Commission; in addition, Ms. Hammonds was a member of

1 the Mount Pleasant Housing Authority Board of Directors, Gladewater  
2 Baptist Church, and the local chapter of Daughters of the American  
3 Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, An unstoppable force when it came to helping others,  
5 Judy Hammonds was beloved for her enthusiasm, compassion, and  
6 can-do spirit; even in her illness, she continued to give back to  
7 her community, organizing events, setting agendas, and keeping  
8 others on track, and her generosity and many good works will long  
9 inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know her; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
12 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judy Broach Hammonds and extend  
13 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Billy  
14 C. Hammonds; to her children, Matt Morris and his wife, Julia, and  
15 Amy Schmitt and her husband, Kenny; to her grandchildren, Bo and  
16 Leah Schmitt and Samantha Morris; to her brother, Micki Broach and  
17 his wife, Donna; to her niece, Sarah Broach; to her nephew, Josh  
18 Broach and his wife, Jatón; and to her other relatives and many  
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
23 Judy Hammonds.