

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Ester
2 Kay "Mimmy" Phillips of Garland, who passed away on February 25,
3 2009, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Robert Preston and Mary J. Bryan,
5 the former Ester Kay Bryan was born on October 2, 1943, in Dallas,
6 and she grew up in a cheerful home with her four siblings; she went
7 on to meet Steve R. Phillips, and they were united in marriage in
8 1961, with her father, a Baptist pastor, performing the ceremony;
9 the couple soon relocated to California, where they became the
10 parents of a son, Steven Scott, and a daughter, Tamara Kay; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips later returned to the Lone
12 Star State, and they welcomed their son, John Mark, in 1967, while
13 they were residing in San Antonio; when Mrs. Phillips discovered
14 that John Mark had been born deaf, she immediately learned sign
15 language, and it was she who taught the other members of her family
16 how to communicate via signs with John Mark; she later led songs in
17 sign language at Calvary Baptist Church, where she also taught
18 first grade Sunday school for 30 years; and

19 WHEREAS, A strong supporter of the Republican Party,
20 Mrs. Phillips participated in numerous precinct and senatorial
21 conventions; she knocked on doors, made countless phone calls, and
22 hung signs in behalf of Republican candidates at the local, state,
23 and national levels; moreover, she was an active member of Golden
24 Corridor Republican Women, and she was highly regarded by the group

1 for devoting her time and talents as its hospitality chair;
2 Mrs. Phillips further demonstrated her patriotism by hosting a
3 neighborhood Fourth of July parade, through which her fellow
4 residents came to appreciate her knack for entertaining; and

5 WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith and character, Mrs. Phillips
6 was known for serving others selflessly and for sharing her
7 positive attitude, her words of encouragement, and her bright smile
8 with everyone she met; in addition to her husband and three
9 children, Mrs. Phillips delighted in the company of her 13
10 grandchildren, and she enjoyed taking them on summer vacations and
11 celebrating their birthdays; and

12 WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer and a beloved matriarch, Kay
13 Phillips enhanced the lives of her relatives, friends, and
14 neighbors with her caring nature, and her memory will forever be
15 treasured in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know
16 her; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ester Kay Phillips and
19 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband
20 of 47 years, Steve R. Phillips; to her sons, Steven Scott Phillips
21 and his wife, Diane, and John Mark Phillips and his wife, Saunia; to
22 her daughter, Tamara Kay McElwain, and her husband, Tom; to her
23 grandchildren, Amber Cannon-Edwards and her husband, Matt,
24 Ashleigh, Allison, and Amy McElwain, and Zachary, Danielle, Hope,
25 Alyssa, Brendan, Shane, Adrienne, Bethany, and Jason Phillips; to
26 her sisters, Sue Alexander and her husband, Deaun, and Carol
27 Whitley; to her brothers, Paul Bryan and his wife, Pat, and David

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1 Bryan and his wife, Carol; and to her other relatives and friends;
2 and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ester Kay
6 Phillips.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 712 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House