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H.R. No. 814

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Mary Jo  
2 Bartlett of Taylor, who died on February 22, 2009, at the age of 65;  
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4           WHEREAS, Mary Jo Bartlett was born in Temple on April 3, 1943,  
5 to Thomas and Flora Simonington Barrett; and

6           WHEREAS, The first woman police officer in the history of  
7 Williamson County, Ms. Bartlett began her career as a patrol  
8 officer with the Taylor Police Department in 1977; and

9           WHEREAS, She worked her way up in a male-dominated field,  
10 earning promotions to the rank of sergeant and lieutenant, and  
11 finishing her distinguished 23-year career as a detective in the  
12 criminal investigations division; she retired in 2000; and

13           WHEREAS, Mary Jo Bartlett was an exemplary peace officer  
14 whose tenacity and determination earned her much respect from her  
15 fellow officers; off duty, she was a caring and compassionate  
16 friend and mother who had a wonderful sense of humor and a kind  
17 disposition, and she will be forever remembered by all those who  
18 knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Jo Bartlett and  
21 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
22 sons, Mark Bartlett and Brian Bartlett and his wife, Shannon; to her  
23 sister, Betty Emmert, and her husband, Jack; to her brother, Terry  
24 Barrett; to her four grandchildren; and to her other relatives and

1 many friends; and, be it further

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