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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their  
2 memories of longtime educator Patsy L. Roach of San Angelo, who  
3 passed away on May 4, 2009, at the age of 80; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Sherman to Ross and Marguerite Orenduff on  
5 January 15, 1929, the former Patti Orenduff graduated from McKinney  
6 High School, where she was drum major for three years; she earned a  
7 bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University in 1951 and  
8 subsequently moved to Dexter, New Mexico, for a teaching position;  
9 it was there that she met the love of her life, Hank Roach, and after  
10 a two-week courtship, the couple were married; they shared 58 years  
11 together and raised two children, Dusty and Tudi; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Roach and her husband lived in Amarillo,  
13 Lubbock, and Big Spring before making their home in San Angelo; Mrs.  
14 Roach served for a time on the faculty at Rio Vista Elementary  
15 School, and then planned to give up teaching, but when she answered  
16 a call to fill in at Central High School, she found her passion as a  
17 senior English teacher; for nearly three decades, she inspired and  
18 encouraged students with her fair, no-nonsense approach and her  
19 obvious joy in the subject, and she received the Texas Excellence  
20 Award for Outstanding High School Teachers from the Ex-Students'  
21 Association and the College of Education of The University of Texas  
22 in 1988; and

23           WHEREAS, Following her retirement in 1990, Mrs. Roach dearly  
24 missed the classroom, and she soon returned to the field as a

1 substitute; moreover, she was invited to teach a class at Howard  
2 College; through the years, she enjoyed lasting friendships with  
3 many of her former students; and

4 WHEREAS, Patti Roach sparked a love of learning, writing, and  
5 reading in countless students during her distinguished career at  
6 Central High School and touched many other people's lives along the  
7 way; although she will be deeply missed, she leaves behind a legacy  
8 that will continue to resonate for many years to come; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Patsy L. Roach and  
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
13 husband, Henry C. Roach; to her son, Dusty Roach and his wife,  
14 Barbie; to her daughter, Tudi Wilson and her husband, Rick; to her  
15 grandchildren, Sommer Ahrens and her husband, Mike, Amy Wilder and  
16 her husband, Ray, Ross Roach, and Cooper Wilson; to her six  
17 great-grandchildren, Bailey, Coletin, Logan, Emily, Cadence, and  
18 Dylan; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Patti  
22 Roach.