

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 836

In Memory
of
Penny Payte McLeaish

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of McAllen in mourning the loss of longtime educator Penny Payte McLeaish, who died April 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A 1958 honors graduate of Pan American College, Penny McLeaish taught senior English, American history, and American government at Sharyland High School for 42 years; she coached many individual students and teams to University Interscholastic League championships in debate, current issues, informative and persuasive speaking and received the Denius-UIL Sponsor Excellence Award in 1996; and

WHEREAS, She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and was active in civic and philanthropic affairs; she was a past president of the Hidalgo County League of Women Voters and a Democratic presidential elector in 1992 and 1996, and she was the Sharyland Independent School District Teacher of the Year in 1990 and the Hidalgo County Zonta Club Shining Star for Education in 2002; and

WHEREAS, She was especially honored to have the Penny Payte McLeaish Learning Resource Center at Sharyland High School named for her upon her retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Penny was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family, her many friends, and all those whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Penny Payte McLeaish: her husband, Robert McLeaish; her daughters, Laurel McLeaish, Heather Butler, and Janet Robinson; her grandchildren, Jesse and Brittany Robinson; and the many members of her extended family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Penny McLeaish.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate