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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Loved ones will forever cherish their memories of
2 Susan Ann Cassidy of Amarillo, who passed away on January 3, 2011,
3 at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo on May 23, 1957, to Joe and Ann
5 Cassidy, Susan Ann Cassidy graduated from Panhandle High School in
6 1975 and then enrolled at Texas Tech University; while in college,
7 she earned money by hemming dresses, cleaning dormitory rooms, and
8 working in the cafeteria, and she graduated with a bachelor's
9 degree in education in 1979; after completing her studies, she
10 worked in schools in the Panhandle area for many years, teaching
11 home economics, remedial reading, and English in the towns of
12 Shamrock, Spearman, Big Spring, New Deal, Skellytown, and Hereford;
13 she was an inspiring educator who challenged her students to expand
14 their knowledge and abilities and encouraged their participation in
15 science and history fairs; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Cassidy was active in her community as a member
17 of the Darlin' Dames Chapter of the Red Hat Society, as an education
18 coordinator with Business Network International, as president of
19 the High Plains Republican Women, and as a devoted congregant of the
20 Bell Avenue Baptist Church in Amarillo; moreover, she enjoyed a
21 host of hobbies, including scrapbooking, gift-wrapping, sewing,
22 cross-stitching, arranging flowers, decorating wreaths, collecting
23 antiques, cooking, playing games, reading, writing, and
24 storytelling; and

1 WHEREAS, Above all, Ms. Cassidy loved her daughter, Cassie,
2 and had the pleasure of teaching her in the fifth grade in
3 Skellytown; a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts, she led her
4 daughter's troops for 13 years, starting new groups in towns that
5 did not already have one; she was known for her loyalty and
6 thoughtfulness as well as for her adventurous and spontaneous
7 nature; and

8 WHEREAS, Susan Ann Cassidy lived a life that was rich in the
9 intangibles that matter most, and although she is deeply missed,
10 she will always be remembered with great admiration and affection;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas,
13 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Susan Ann
14 Cassidy and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
15 her daughter, Cassie Daniel; to her brothers, John Cassidy and Jay
16 Cassidy and his wife, Alison; to her aunts, Linda Thompson and her
17 husband, Red, and Carolyn Jackson and her husband, Calvin; to her
18 uncle, Sam Goodnight and his wife, Sue; to her nieces and nephews,
19 Rachel, Andrew, Ryan, Hunter, and Kaitlyn Cassidy; and to her other
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns, it do so in memory of Susan Ann Cassidy.