

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Debra
2 Ann Sontag of Del Rio, who passed away on March 6, 2011, at the age
3 of 46; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Barbara and Richard Beakley, the
5 former Deb Beakley was born on April 16, 1964, in Barranquilla,
6 Colombia, where her father was working as a seismologist; the
7 family returned to Texas and she excelled in track at Bandera High
8 School; after attending The University of Texas at Austin and North
9 Texas State University, she worked for attorneys and legislators as
10 a paralegal; she later accepted a key position with Hewitt
11 Associates in Irvine, California, but ultimately heeded the call of
12 her beloved Texas and settled near family in Del Rio; and

13 WHEREAS, While working as a hostess at Avanti Italian
14 Restaurant, she met Bill Sontag, who was captivated by her sunny
15 disposition and ready smile; the couple married on April 22, 2006,
16 in Polly's Chapel, a historic stone sanctuary near her family's
17 ranch; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Sontag worked at a number of Del Rio businesses,
19 including the Brown Bag, Cafe Centrale, Russell Hardware, San
20 Felipe Country Club, and Lake Amistad Resort & Marina; a talented
21 cook, she wrote a popular monthly column for *Southwest Texas Live!*
22 magazine that included her own recipes and those of other local
23 cooks and noted chefs; and

24 WHEREAS, Unfailingly kind, Ms. Sontag endeared herself to

1 innumerable people through her gentle and generous nature, as well
2 as her vivacious personality, and she sought to bring harmony to
3 every situation; moreover, she loved animals and showered her
4 golden retrievers with affection; and

5 WHEREAS, Debbie Sontag brought great joy to others, and those
6 she leaves behind will forever cherish their memories of time spent
7 in the company of this warm and gracious woman; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Debra Ann Sontag and
11 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
12 husband, Bill Sontag; to her mother, Barbara Beakley; to her
13 brothers, John Beakley and his wife, Laura, Richard Beakley and his
14 wife, Sheila, and James Beakley and his wife, Heidi; to her aunts
15 and uncles, John and Dale Focke, Jeanne Davis, and Julian and Norma
16 Gomez; to her stepchildren, Rob Sontag and his wife, Marci, and
17 their children, Maddie and Ryan Sontag, and Debb Scott and her
18 husband, Luke; to her sister-in-law, Kathy Beck; and to her many
19 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

Gallego

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
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S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1498

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1498 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 5, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House