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H.R. No. 1587

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marilyn Stiles Shoemaker of Austin passed away on  
2 April 9, 2011, leaving her circle of family and friends to cherish  
3 their many happy memories of time spent in her company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Austin on June 23, 1956, Ms. Shoemaker  
5 graduated from Lanier High School, where she was a member of the  
6 Vikettes dance team; she earned her bachelor's degree and teaching  
7 certificate from Southwest Texas State University; excelling in the  
8 performing arts, she shared her gift with countless students in her  
9 work as an educator in Central Texas, teaching dance, drill team,  
10 and music as well as first-grade classes; she was the director of  
11 the Georgetown High School Georgettes for 17 years; and

12 WHEREAS, A dedicated member of Crestview Baptist Church, Ms.  
13 Shoemaker directed the children's choir, taught at Camp Crestview,  
14 and sang and played the handbells in the adult choir; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Shoemaker faced some very daunting challenges  
16 after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999; the disease  
17 nearly took her several times, but she battled back repeatedly;  
18 despite the difficulties she faced, she committed herself to  
19 helping others, and her efforts included developing her own line of  
20 greeting cards specifically for cancer patients; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2005, Ms. Shoemaker lost her mother, Lillian  
22 Stiles, when she was mauled by a pack of dogs that were owned by a  
23 neighbor; even while undergoing chemotherapy, Ms. Shoemaker spent  
24 many hours at the State Capitol, working with elected officials to

1 craft legislation that provides stiffer penalties for owners of  
2 violent dogs; it was passed in May 2007 and is known as Lillian's  
3 Law in honor of her mother; and

4 WHEREAS, This courageous woman demonstrated similar strength  
5 until her final days; determined to be present at the marriage of  
6 her son David, she persevered and saw that wish fulfilled when the  
7 ceremony took place at her bedside just hours before her passing;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, While the life of Marilyn Shoemaker ended far too  
10 soon, she will always be remembered with great admiration and  
11 affection by all who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Marilyn Stiles  
14 Shoemaker and extend sincere condolences to her loved ones: to her  
15 husband, Bill Shoemaker; to her children, Brook Hampton, David  
16 Hampton and his wife, Crystal, Amanda Shoemaker, and Shawn  
17 Shoemaker and his wife, Kyndal; to her grandchildren, Dayson and  
18 Denton Williams; to her sister, Jackie Williams; to her brother,  
19 Mark Stiles, and his wife, Cheryl; and to her many other friends,  
20 relatives, and former students; 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 this day, it do so in memory of Marilyn  
24 Stiles Shoemaker.