

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Marilyn Kathleen Hartnett Deane of Kingwood passed  
2 away on June 20, 2013, at the age of 69, leaving her wide circle of  
3 family and friends to cherish their many happy memories of time  
4 spent in her company; and

5           WHEREAS, Born to Margaret and Bud Hartnett on January 19,  
6 1944, in Buffalo, New York, the former Marilyn Hartnett grew up in a  
7 family of sports enthusiasts, with her father the founder of the  
8 town's original amateur hockey league and her grandfather a  
9 renowned sportscaster; she proved herself equal to their  
10 expectations, participating in the 1955 Junior Olympics ice skating  
11 competition and distinguishing herself as a softball player in  
12 grade school; and

13           WHEREAS, Mrs. Deane went on to graduate with honors from the  
14 nursing school at Sisters of Charity Hospital, where she was voted  
15 outstanding student nurse; she worked for the Buffalo Red Cross for  
16 over a decade, helping to bring in a record number of blood  
17 donations, and after relocating to the Houston metropolitan area  
18 and joining Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital, she assisted in  
19 the care of more than 10,000 mothers and infants as a prenatal nurse  
20 for 35 years; in retirement, she continued to be recognized by  
21 former patients, who were eager to express their gratitude for the  
22 kindness and expert care that she had provided; and

23           WHEREAS, She retained a lifelong loyalty to her hometown  
24 teams, the Buffalo Bills and Sabres, and was known to brave

1 blizzards to ensure they emerged victorious; her passion for sports  
2 may have even played a part in her finding true love; her future  
3 husband, Ron Deane, got her attention when he approached her on  
4 crutches and introduced himself as an injured Bills player; while  
5 this turned out to be a ruse, she was nevertheless smitten, and the  
6 pair went on to share a rewarding marriage of nearly five decades;  
7 their date nights were an eclectic mix of country western  
8 two-stepping and ballroom dancing, and they would often improvise  
9 their own moves; and

10 WHEREAS, A woman of devout faith and a founding member of  
11 St. Martha Catholic Church in Kingwood, Mrs. Deane served as a  
12 religious instructor and, alongside her husband, taught  
13 pre-marriage classes; in addition, she was a self-taught pianist  
14 and enjoyed reciting poetry and attending the symphony; she took  
15 tremendous pride in her Irish heritage and earned lifetime  
16 achievement awards from the Houston Irish and Erin Go Bragh  
17 societies for hosting wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebrations; and

18 WHEREAS, Above all, Mrs. Deane treasured her role as  
19 matriarch to her close-knit family, including her four children,  
20 Michael, Kathleen, Mary Elizabeth, and Sheila, and her three  
21 grandchildren, for whom she served as head cheerleader; and

22 WHEREAS, Marilyn Deane truly loved people, treating  
23 strangers as soon-to-be friends and continuously seeking ways to  
24 improve the lives of those around her; although she will be deeply  
25 missed, she leaves behind a legacy that will continue to resonate in  
26 the hearts of all those who shared in the blessing of her life; now,  
27 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
3 of Merilyn Kathleen Hartnett Deane and extend sincere sympathy to  
4 the members of her family: to her husband, Ron; to her children,  
5 Michael and his wife, Andi, Kathleen and her husband, Todd, Mary  
6 Elizabeth and her boyfriend, Luis, and Sheila and her husband,  
7 John; to her grandchildren, Megan, John Michael, and Luke; and to  
8 her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Merilyn  
12 Deane.

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H.R. No. 92

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 92 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 25, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House