

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Newspaper publisher and journalist Beverly Karen
2 Carter of Fort Bend County, who benefited her fellow citizens with
3 her devotion to the greater good, passed away on July 6, 2013, at
4 the age of 72; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to J. C. and Beatrice Carter on April 9, 1941,
6 Bev Carter grew up in Ballinger with the companionship of a younger
7 brother, Vance; she graduated from Texas Tech University and worked
8 as a teacher for more than a decade; at both Alief Hastings and
9 Elsik High Schools, she taught English and sponsored the student
10 newspaper, the drama club, and the bowling team; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Carter dreamed of owning and operating a
12 community newspaper, and in 1978, she moved to Fort Bend County
13 determined to do just that; she founded the *Fort Bend Star* that same
14 year with the goal of providing area residents the knowledge and
15 information needed to hold their elected officials accountable; she
16 and her staff pounded the pavement in search of news, visiting
17 government offices and beer joints alike, and their in-depth
18 reporting became a signature of the paper; and

19 WHEREAS, Renamed the *Fort Bend/Southwest Star*, the paper
20 established itself as an important and respected voice within the
21 county, and Ms. Carter earned numerous state and national awards
22 for her work; she and her son, Michael, started the *Fort Bend*
23 *Business Journal* in 1982, and in the early 1990s, she ventured into
24 television with the Fort Bend Community TV cable cast; her

1 daughter, Sherry, managed the station, which aired city council and
2 county commissioners court meetings; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Carter shared her unabashed opinions on
4 politics, current affairs, and other matters in her weekly column,
5 "Bev's Burner"; driven by a strong sense of duty to public
6 integrity, she had a no-holds-barred approach, and she remained
7 fiercely passionate about her cause; her status as a local icon
8 caught the attention of national news programs, and she was invited
9 to share her insights with the nation in interviews on *48 Hours* and
10 *60 Minutes*; and

11 WHEREAS, Bev Carter left an unmistakable mark on Fort Bend
12 County with her energy, initiative, and bold commitment to her
13 principles, and she leaves behind a legacy that will continue to
14 resonate for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
17 Beverly Karen Carter and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
18 her family: to her son, Michael Fredrickson, and his wife, Lisa; to
19 her grandchildren, Kathryn, Carter, and Jack; 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 this day, it do so in memory of Beverly
24 Karen Carter.

Reynolds

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Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
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Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 116

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 116 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 18, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House