

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.R. No. 136

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sister Mary Antoinette Peltier of Victoria, the
2 founder of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School in Richwood,
3 passed away on July 17, 2013, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Royal "Roy" Peltier and Sylvester
5 "Sis" Peltier, the former Doris Elaine Peltier was born in Danbury
6 on September 14, 1928; she was educated in the public schools until
7 her senior year, when she transferred to Nazareth Academy in
8 Victoria; after graduating, she entered Nazareth Convent and went
9 on to receive the habit of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and
10 Blessed Sacrament; she made her first profession of vows on
11 September 2, 1947, and completed her bachelor's degree at Incarnate
12 Word College with a major in English and a minor in Spanish; she
13 later went on to earn postgraduate credits in administration,
14 education, and music; and

15 WHEREAS, Sister Antoinette was devoted to Catholic
16 education, and over the course of 66 years in religious life, she
17 taught on the elementary, junior high, and high school levels,
18 served as a principal of two elementary schools, worked as an
19 administrator for several CCD programs, and established the day
20 care program at Nazareth Academy; she provided spiritual guidance
21 and classroom instruction at numerous institutions, among them
22 Incarnate Word Special School in Victoria, Sacred Heart School in
23 Floresville, Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville, Blessed
24 Sacrament Academy and St. Leo School in San Antonio, and St. Paul

1 High School in Shiner; she was also active in the Focolare movement;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 1982, Sister Antoinette returned to Danbury as
4 director of religious education in her hometown and in Angleton;
5 she soon recognized the need for a Catholic school in Brazoria
6 County, and through her dedicated efforts, tremendous
7 organizational skill, and heartfelt prayers, Our Lady Queen of
8 Peace Catholic School opened on September 2, 1986; the Richwood
9 school won accreditation from the Texas Education Agency two years
10 later; Sister Antoinette guided the school as principal until 1990,
11 when the first lay principal was hired, and then continued to serve
12 as development director; and

13 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator shared her musical gifts by
14 giving lessons to hundreds of students, and she played a key role in
15 the production of a 1966 pageant celebrating her congregation's
16 100th anniversary in Victoria; in addition to composing many of the
17 songs, she helped with costuming; and

18 WHEREAS, Following her retirement in 1995, Sister Antoinette
19 moved to the Incarnate Word Convent, where she assisted in the
20 infirmary, performed household duties, and ministered weekly with a
21 Cenacle Prayer Group; she entered into the Apostolate of Prayer and
22 Suffering, and she enjoyed making and repairing rosaries and
23 restoring and painting statues; and

24 WHEREAS, Sister Mary Antoinette Peltier exemplified the
25 highest ideals of her vocation, and although she will be deeply
26 missed, her selfless contributions will continue to resonate in the
27 years to come; now, 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 Sister Mary Antoinette Peltier and extend sincere condolences to
4 the members of her family: to her brothers, Harold Robert Peltier
5 and his wife, Joyce Peltier, and Gerald Norbert Peltier and his
6 wife, Frances "Patsy" Peltier; to her sister-in-law, Bobbye
7 Peltier; to her brother-in-law, Pete Waguespack; and to her many
8 other relatives and 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 Sister
12 Antoinette.