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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Lynne  
2 Ann Pennington of Arlington, who passed away on August 2, 2012, at  
3 the age of 60; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Ohio on October 27, 1951, to George and Nancy  
5 Stearns, Ms. Pennington fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a  
6 teacher by earning a degree in education from Lock Haven University  
7 in 1973; during that same year, she married her high school  
8 sweetheart, Adlai Pennington, and in time their family grew to  
9 include a beloved daughter and two cherished grandchildren; and

10           WHEREAS, After moving to Texas in 1983, Ms. Pennington  
11 continued her teaching career at The Oakridge School in Arlington,  
12 where she remained a member of the faculty until her retirement in  
13 2002; a dedicated educator who practiced her vocation with passion,  
14 she consistently encouraged her students to reach their highest  
15 potential; and

16           WHEREAS, Ms. Pennington faced some very daunting challenges  
17 after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2004; although the  
18 disease disrupted her travel and leisure activities, she inspired  
19 others by battling her illness with bravery and grace; despite the  
20 difficulties she encountered, she committed herself to helping  
21 others, and her efforts included the establishment of the Pay It  
22 Forward Foundation, to provide support services and to create a  
23 safety net for individuals in need; and

24           WHEREAS, A devoted mother and grandmother, Ms. Pennington

1 enjoyed playing in the swimming pool with her grandchildren, made  
2 award-winning quilts, and relished the company of friends and the  
3 taste of sushi rolls and miso soup; her zest for life was infectious  
4 and unquenchable; and

5 WHEREAS, Lynne Pennington's days were rich in family,  
6 friends, and meaningful achievements, and she will forever be  
7 remembered with tenderness and affection by all who were privileged  
8 to know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lynne Ann  
11 Pennington and extend sincere condolences to the members of her  
12 family: to her loving husband of 38 years, Adlai Pennington; to her  
13 daughter, Taylor Gray, and her husband, Blaine; to her  
14 grandchildren, Emma and Wyatt Gray; to her sister, Mary Jo Stearns;  
15 to her brother, Jeff Stearns, and his wife, Judy; and to her other  
16 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lynne Ann  
20 Pennington.