

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Ruth Walker Polan of Nixon on January 13, 2013, at the
3 age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Tom and Hertha Walker, the former
5 Ruthie Walker was born in Nixon on April 8, 1928; she grew up during
6 the Great Depression and demonstrated her resourcefulness at an
7 early age, earning money by cleaning a local church; as a teenager,
8 she found a job at the drugstore soda fountain, where a customer
9 named Glenn Polan developed the habit of stopping by on a daily
10 basis for a scoop of ice cream and a chat; they later married and
11 became the proud parents of two sons, Glenn and Ted; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polan was employed as a clothes buyer for
13 Joske's department store and as a civil servant in San Antonio
14 before embarking on a distinguished career in education; she held
15 both a bachelor's and a master's degree and served a number of
16 school districts as a teacher and administrator; following Mr.
17 Polan's retirement, she joined him in founding an international
18 tour and travel company, which allowed her to fulfill her dream of
19 seeing the world; the couple visited more than 70 different
20 countries, and she started an import company, Ruthie's of Houston,
21 which turned into a successful wholesale jewelry business; and

22 WHEREAS, While pursuing a busy professional life, Mrs. Polan
23 never failed to put her loved ones first; she found time to whip up
24 fabulous dishes, and her recipes became staples at gatherings of

1 her large extended family, which grew to include five grandsons,
2 Thomas, Parker, Walker, William, and Chance; and

3 WHEREAS, This kind and compassionate Texan mentored
4 innumerable people, and during the time her husband served as the
5 director of the Methodist Student Center in Huntsville, Mrs. Polan
6 took in many young women who needed a place to stay, often giving
7 them clothing as well as food and shelter; when homeless men showed
8 up at the door, she gave them food, a smile, and sometimes a little
9 spare cash from the cookie jar; with a boundless will to serve, she
10 was always the first to deliver a meal to an ailing friend,
11 volunteer for a church garage sale, or organize opposition to a
12 highway that threatened quality of life in the neighborhood; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mrs. Polan faced any challenges
14 she met with grace, and whatever transpired, she remained a source
15 of joy and inspiration; she also continued to share with her husband
16 their special daily ritual, an afternoon ice cream treat; and

17 WHEREAS, Ruthie Polan enriched countless lives through her
18 warm and caring ways, and she will forever hold a special place in
19 the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ruth Walker Polan
23 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
24 husband of 66 years, Glenn Polan; to her sons, Glenn Kraege Polan,
25 Jr., and his wife, Deborah, and Ted David Polan and his wife,
26 Robbie; to her grandsons, Thomas Polan and his wife, Amanda, Parker
27 Polan and his wife, Mary, and Walker, William, and Chance Polan; to

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1 her sister, Beth Walker; and to her many other relatives and
2 friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
5 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruthie
6 Polan.

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Sheffield of Bell

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
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
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1154 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 8, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House