

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a respected educator and labor leader
2 drew to a close with the passing of Linda Bridges of Austin on
3 January 13, 2015, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Bridges began her notable career as an
5 elementary special education teacher in the Corpus Christi
6 Independent School District; she later became a charter member of
7 the Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers and went on to
8 serve the organization as president for nearly a quarter-century;
9 in that role, she helped develop the process of elected
10 consultation, which enables district faculty and staff members to
11 elect an organization to represent them in discussions with the
12 administration regarding wages, benefits, and working conditions,
13 and that innovative system was quickly adopted by other districts
14 throughout the state; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to her outstanding efforts with the
16 local union, Ms. Bridges served the Texas chapter of the AFT as
17 chair of the legislative committee and as a member of the executive
18 committee and the executive council; her incisive leadership was
19 rewarded with her election as president of the state chapter in
20 2005, and over the course of her decade-long tenure, she worked
21 tirelessly in behalf of millions of Texas students and played an
22 instrumental part in expanding the organization's membership from
23 48,000 to more than 65,000; she also served the federation at the
24 national level as vice president, as chair of the subcommittee on

1 nonbargaining states, and as a member of the organizing and
2 advisory committees; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bridges gave generously of her time and talents
4 to a number of other organizations as well, serving as vice
5 president and as a trustee of the Texas AFL-CIO, as president of the
6 Coastal Bend Labor Council, as a director of the United Way of the
7 Coastal Bend, as chair of the Juvenile Assessment Center, and as a
8 regent of Del Mar College; and

9 WHEREAS, A woman of great vision and integrity, Linda Bridges
10 benefited the lives of countless students and teachers through her
11 immeasurable contributions to public education in Texas, and her
12 achievements will continue to resonate for years to come; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Linda Bridges and
16 extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn her passing; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
19 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Linda Bridges.

Herrero
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Howard

Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

H.R. No. 479

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 479 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 5, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House