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H.R. No. 1213

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Denise  
2 Rosalyn Davis Hopkins of Liberty Hill, who passed away on January  
3 30, 2015, at the age of 63; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Joe and Hattie Davis, the former  
5 Denise Davis was born in New Orleans on November 5, 1951; she grew  
6 up in Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School and Hill  
7 College; joined in matrimony to Terry L. Hopkins, an officer in the  
8 United States Army, she became the devoted mother of four treasured  
9 children, Tiffany, Adam, Benjamin, and Elizabeth; she shared a  
10 fulfilling relationship of 30 years with Lieutenant Colonel Hopkins  
11 before his untimely passing in 2002; fortunate enough to find love a  
12 second time, she married Hal Harkins; and

13           WHEREAS, Ms. Hopkins taught in public schools in Hillsboro,  
14 Mount Pleasant, and Red Oak before joining the faculty of Jo Ann  
15 Ford Elementary in the Georgetown Independent School District as a  
16 math and science teacher; proud of her adopted home, she loved to  
17 share her knowledge of the state's heritage, and she played a key  
18 role in the creation of the Texas History Wax Museum at the school;  
19 she also delighted in taking her fourth-graders on trips to the  
20 Bullock Texas State History Museum and the State Capitol; during  
21 her 11-year tenure, she motivated others with her strong school  
22 spirit, and she was an especially enthusiastic participant in  
23 campus dress-up days; and

24           WHEREAS, Engaged in her community, Ms. Hopkins served as

1 secretary of the Aggie Moms Club of Williamson County, and she was a  
2 valued member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Georgetown;  
3 she performed in its bell choir and served the congregation in other  
4 capacities as well; in her free time, she enjoyed skiing with her  
5 family, but relegated to the bunny slope after 35 years, she  
6 eventually decided she preferred leisurely weekends with  
7 Mr. Harkins at bed-and-breakfast inns; she was also known for both  
8 her inability to drive past a "sale" sign and her staunch opposition  
9 to paying full price for shoes; and

10 WHEREAS, Denise Hopkins made a positive difference in the  
11 lives of innumerable youngsters through her commitment to  
12 education, and those who were privileged to know her will forever  
13 treasure their memories of her bright smile, her wonderful sense of  
14 humor, and her kind and caring ways; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Denise Rosalyn  
17 Davis Hopkins and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her  
18 family: to her children, Tiffany Dawn Hopkins, Adam Bradford Davis  
19 Hopkins, Benjamin John Davis Hopkins, and Elizabeth Anne Hopkins;  
20 to her husband, Hal Harkins; and to her other relatives and many  
21 friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House  
24 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Denise  
25 Hopkins.