

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 death of Mary Anna Edwards of Fort Worth on March 24, 2015, at the
3 age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Edwards was born on May 19, 1951, to Nancy Lucy
5 Edrington Edwards and Benjamin Franklin Edwards Jr.; she spent part
6 of her life in Clarksville, and she was a graduate of Nolan Catholic
7 High School in Fort Worth and Texas Christian University; and

8 WHEREAS, This proud Texan's roots ran deep; she was descended
9 from Albert H. Latimer, a signer of the Texas Declaration of
10 Independence, and her father and her grandfather were both county
11 attorneys for Red River County; she served as a trustee for her
12 family's ranch and farm, which has been continuously operated for
13 175 years; she also loved Ryan Place, her neighborhood in Fort
14 Worth, and she served as president of the annual Candlelight
15 Christmas there; and

16 WHEREAS, A passionate lifelong Democrat, Ms. Edwards worked
17 tirelessly on many political campaigns, helping to elect candidates
18 for offices ranging from constable to the state legislature to
19 Congress; she served on the State Democratic Executive Committee
20 and on the boards of the Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats and the
21 Tarrant County Central Labor Council; she was also a valued member
22 of former State Representative Lon Burnam's staff; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Edwards was a Yellow Rose of Texas and a member
24 of the Daughters of the American Revolution; she was also active in

1 the LGBT community and a member of the Communications Workers of
2 America; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary Edwards gave freely of her time, expertise, and
4 energy to better her community and to support the causes in which
5 she believed, and she leaves behind a record of service that her
6 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mary Anna Edwards and
9 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
10 brother, Longe Edwards, and his wife, Cathy; to her niece, Emily
11 Edwards; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary
16 Edwards.

Turner of Tarrant
Collier
Romero, Jr.

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

H.R. No. 2326

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2326 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 8, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House