

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 2326

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.