

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 521

In Memory
of
Pamela Joy Finke

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Grimes County in mourning the loss of County Commissioner Pamela Joy Finke, who died March 3, 2015, at the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, Pam Finke was born on February 12, 1965, in Navasota, to Lois and Thomas Finke; she graduated in 1983 from Navasota High School, and she went on to earn a degree from Sam Houston State University; and

WHEREAS, After college, she ran her own business and served as a volunteer for a number of organizations; her dedication to public service led her to seek elected office, and in 2002, she became the first woman to be elected a county commissioner in Grimes County when she was elected commissioner of Precinct 4; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her distinguished 12-year career on the commissioners court, she was noted for her willingness to do whatever was necessary to help the county's citizens, even going so far as to become certified as a jailer so that she could volunteer her services when needed; she played a vital role in the county's response to the wildfires that devastated the area in 2011; and

WHEREAS, She also remained active in her church and in a variety of civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Red Cross, the Jaycees, and the 100 Club; and

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WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and determination, she gave unselfishly to others, and her generous spirit, her commitment to public service, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Pamela Joy Finke; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pam Finke.

Kolkhorst, Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 8, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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