

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

In Memory
of
Jana Graves Kennedy

WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at the loss of Jana Graves Kennedy of Paris, Texas, who passed away on May 20, 2017, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, The beloved daughter of Faye and James Graves, the former Jana Graves was born in Paris on August 14, 1962, and she grew up with the companionship of her sister, Jeri, and her brother, Russell; after graduating from North Lamar High School in 1980, she attended Texas A&M University on a track scholarship and earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, she married Mike Kennedy, and the couple became the proud parents of three children, Kara, Cole, and Kyle; the family first made their home in Texarkana before settling in Paris; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Jana Kennedy enjoyed a rewarding career in education and held teaching positions at elementary schools in the Pleasant Grove, North Lamar, and Paris Independent School Districts; committed to her local community, she further gave of her time and talents by supporting cancer patients through the Angel Fund and by helping children in need at Watersprings Ranch; and

WHEREAS, Jana Kennedy immeasurably enriched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her, and those she has left behind will long cherish their memories of her generosity, her gentle spirit, and her boundless devotion to her family and her faith; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jana Graves Kennedy and extend heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jana Kennedy.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 18, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate