

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

In Memory  
of  
Betty Jean Slentz West

**WHEREAS**, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Betty Jean Slentz West, who passed away on July 26, 2017, at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Three Sands, Oklahoma, on March 3, 1926, the former Betty Jean Slentz was the daughter of Andrew and Bessie Slentz and grew up with the companionship of a brother, Leroy, and three sisters, Florence, Helen, and Nita; she was joined in matrimony to Jack West in 1944, and the couple shared nearly six decades of marriage before his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. West was the proud mother of three children, David West, Cecil West, and Nancy Graham; she later welcomed into her family five grandchildren, Tracy, Kellie, Shane, Bryan, and John, as well as eight great-grandchildren, Courtney, Levi, Ashley, Wade, Mason, Hannah, Gavin, and Jack, and five great-great-grandchildren, Bryleigh, Jace, Macy, Kolby, and Hadlee; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1965, Mrs. West began her career at Henderson Memorial Hospital, and after a notable tenure there that spanned 16 years, she became a first assistant county auditor for Rusk County in 1981; she went on to serve as county treasurer from 1990 to 1991; following her retirement, she joined her husband in working as a gate attendant for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in several different states; in their leisure time, the couple enjoyed traveling in their motor home with their dog, Peanut; and

**WHEREAS**, Admired for her kindness, her devotion to her family, and her dedication to her fellow citizens, Betty West lived a caring and purposeful life, and she will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who had the good fortune to know her; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Betty Jean Slentz West and extend heartfelt sympathy to her relatives 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 Betty West.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 10, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate