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H.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cherished memories remain to comfort the loved ones
2 of Betty Ann Peden of Hondo, who passed away on April 26, 2016, at
3 the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, the former Ann Howard was
5 born on February 10, 1941, to David and Minnie Howard; continuing a
6 family tradition that reaches back four generations, she pursued a
7 career as a pharmacist, and after moving to Hondo, she purchased
8 Windrow Drug Store and operated it as Peden Rexall for some four
9 decades alongside her husband, Robert Peden; she also went on to
10 serve members of her profession as president of the Texas State
11 Board of Pharmacy; and

12 WHEREAS, Earlier in her life, Mrs. Peden worked as a
13 substitute teacher at the high school and middle school levels; she
14 had a lively interest in politics as well, having played an
15 instrumental role in the formation of the Medina County Republican
16 Party; she was a county chair for over 30 years and a longtime
17 member of the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association, and
18 she taught seminars all over the state on the responsibilities of a
19 county chair and various aspects of election law; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peden was also a highly regarded member of her
21 community of faith at First Methodist Church, where she and her
22 husband sang in the choir, and she was a member and officer of
23 several organizations, among them the Hondo Garden Club and Sigma
24 Tau Sorority; above all else, she was a loving wife to her husband

1 of 54 years, a devoted mother to her sons, Scott and James, and a
2 doting grandmother of four grandchildren, Ashley, Robert, David,
3 and Ann; and

4 WHEREAS, Admired for her intelligence, her civic engagement,
5 and her kind and thoughtful nature, Ann Peden will be deeply missed,
6 and she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who
7 were fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Betty Ann Peden and
10 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
11 husband, Bob Peden; to her sons, Scott Peden and his wife, Kari, and
12 James Peden and his wife, Kim; to her grandchildren, Ashley,
13 Robert, David, and Ann Peden; to her sister, Rebecca Harris, and her
14 husband, Frank; to her brother, David Lee Howard; and to her other
15 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betty Ann
19 Peden.