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H.R. No. 113

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Jan Kennady of New Braunfels on August 1, 2016, at the
3 age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Jan Westmoreland was born to John and
5 Margaret Westmoreland on February 4, 1937, in Smackover, Arkansas;
6 she graduated from Alexandria Business College in 1959 and served
7 St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Houston as business manager
8 for 16 years; she moved to New Braunfels in 1980 to marry Dr. Donald
9 Scott Kennady, and she went on to share more than three decades with
10 him before his passing in 2014; Ms. Kennady's life was further
11 blessed by the addition of three cherished children, Lisa, Rocky,
12 and Vance Lockwood, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed civic leader was greatly admired for
15 the breadth of volunteer work to which she dedicated much of her
16 life; she served as an officer of more than 25 civic, charitable,
17 and political organizations and as president of 14 local groups, as
18 well as 3 state-level organizations, the Texas Women's Foundation,
19 the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Auxiliary, and the Texas
20 Federation of Republican Women; moreover, she served as
21 parliamentarian for the National Federation of Republican Women,
22 and she worked with the Texas Historical Commission to acquire
23 funding for the restoration of the Comal County Courthouse; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennady was also deeply involved in local

1 government; she spent 12 years as Comal County commissioner for
2 Precinct 4 and 3 years on the New Braunfels City Council, and she
3 was elected as the city's first female mayor, a position she held
4 from 1996 to 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. Kennady received more than a
6 dozen awards for her philanthropic work, and she was appointed to
7 several state-level committees by Texas governors, including the
8 Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service; and

9 WHEREAS, Although she is deeply missed, Jan Kennady's
10 devotion to her family and tireless dedication to her community
11 will forever remain a source of inspiration to all who were
12 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jan Kennady and
15 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
16 further

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