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H.R. No. 124

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of George West lost an admired civic
2 leader with the passing of former mayor Sylvia Steele on December
3 21, 2016, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Robstown on January 6, 1941, Sylvia Steele
5 completed her bachelor's degree in business at Texas A&I University
6 and went on to earn a master's certificate in law enforcement; she
7 married Charles Howard Steele on April 10, 1968, and they became the
8 proud parents of five children, Vivian, Diana, John, Brian, and
9 Linda; through the years, she knew the joy of welcoming 19
10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren into her family; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Steele resided in Laredo while employed with the
12 Webb County Sheriff's Department; during her tenure, she attained
13 the rank of captain, becoming the only woman to hold that
14 designation with the department; moreover, she was active in the
15 D.A.R.E. program, serving as a trainer for the drug resistance
16 initiative, and she traveled to several South American countries in
17 that capacity; she was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame by the
18 Laredo Commission for Women, and her many other accolades include
19 the Enrique Camarena Award from the Benevolent and Protective Order
20 of Elks; and

21 WHEREAS, After moving to George West, Ms. Steele was elected
22 to three terms as mayor, and she also served as president of the
23 governing board of Texas Municipal League Region 11 and as a member
24 of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments; she further benefited

1 her community as treasurer of the George West Chamber of Commerce,
2 as president of the George West Lions Club, and as director of the
3 Grace Armantrout Museum, and she was a tireless champion for
4 children and the elderly; and

5 WHEREAS, A caring wife and mother and a dedicated public
6 servant, Sylvia Steele made a meaningful difference in the lives of
7 her loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and her contributions
8 will be fondly remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sylvia Steele and
11 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sylvia
16 Steele.