

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Tarrant County are mourning the loss of
2 former state representative Anna Mowery, who passed away on April
3 20, 2017, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Decatur on January 4, 1931, the former Anna
5 Bess Renshaw graduated from Rhome High School and went on to earn a
6 bachelor's degree in drama, speech, and political science from
7 Baylor University and a master's degree in history and speech from
8 Central State University in Oklahoma; she married Wesley Mowery in
9 1951, and they became the proud parents of four children, Jeanette,
10 Marianne, Tim, and Mark; in later years, she knew the joy of
11 welcoming four grandchildren into her treasured family; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mowerys lived in Alaska, Oklahoma, and Abilene
13 before settling in Fort Worth in 1970; five years later, Anna Mowery
14 became the first woman to lead a major political party in Tarrant
15 County when she was selected as Republican chair; her skill and
16 dynamism helped the GOP attract greater support in the area, and she
17 played a key role in U.S. Representative Joe Barton's election
18 victory in 1984; in addition, she was a delegate for Ronald Reagan
19 at the 1976 Republican National Convention and then took on the role
20 of county chair for his 1984 presidential campaign; and

21 WHEREAS, First elected to the Texas House in 1988,
22 Representative Mowery served her constituents in District 97 with
23 tremendous dedication until 2007; a member of the Appropriations,
24 Elections, Labor and Employment Relations, and Business and

1 Industry Committees, among others, she was especially well known
2 for her work in chairing the Land and Resource Management Committee
3 for three legislative sessions; though she was a staunch believer
4 in conservative values, she was still able to work effectively
5 across the aisle, and her integrity and determination made her a
6 role model and mentor to countless women in the Republican Party;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Mowery further benefited her fellow
9 citizens through her involvement with the Rape Crisis Coalition,
10 Women's Policy Forum, Texas Women's Alliance, and the Greater Fort
11 Worth Literacy Council, and she was a valued member of Travis Avenue
12 Baptist Church; this respected civic and political leader was the
13 recipient of numerous accolades, including the NFIB Guardian Award,
14 the 4-H Alumni Award, and the Friend of Hospice Award from the Texas
15 and New Mexico hospice organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Through her effective work as a party leader and a
17 state legislator, Anna Mowery was an influential trailblazer in
18 Tarrant County politics, and she will be remembered with admiration
19 and affection by all who were privileged to know her; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Anna
23 Mowery and extend deepest condolences to her loved ones; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anna

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1828 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 1, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House