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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Patsy Ruth Willingham Phillips Alexius on August 31,  
3 2016, at the age of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth Willingham,  
5 the former Patsy Willingham was born in Overton on August 8, 1941;  
6 she earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in  
7 education at Stephen F. Austin State University and served as a  
8 teacher and counselor in public schools in Galena Park, Archer  
9 City, Windthorst, and Austin; immensely dedicated to her students,  
10 she made a positive difference in countless young lives, and she was  
11 a caring mentor to many colleagues; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Alexius was committed to the advancement of her  
13 profession; she served as an officer in the Texas School Counselors  
14 Association, and she advocated successfully for the passage of  
15 Licensed Professional Counselor legislation; in recognition of her  
16 contributions, she was awarded License Number 2, and she received  
17 numerous accolades for her work on behalf of her profession; and

18           WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, Mrs. Alexius took great pride  
19 in her children, Beth Phillips Noles and State Representative Larry  
20 Phillips; through the years, she rejoiced in becoming "MeMaw" to  
21 Sidney, Henry, and Meribeth Phillips, Cole Maupin, and Alexis and  
22 Spencer Davis, and she loved taking her grandchildren on trips and  
23 hearing about their daily activities; Mrs. Alexius and her husband,  
24 Robert Alexius, shared a rewarding relationship of 36 years, and

1 they especially enjoyed camping, taking cruises, and traveling to  
2 music festivals; and

3 WHEREAS, Possessed of a kind, compassionate nature and an  
4 intrepid spirit, Patsy Alexius brightened the world for all who  
5 knew her, and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Patsy Ruth  
9 Willingham Phillips Alexius and extend deep sympathy to her  
10 relatives and friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Patsy  
14 Alexius.