

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 Peggy Butler Duda of Lockhart on November 14, 2016, at
3 the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Augustine County on July 2, 1936, to
5 Allie V. Quinn Butler and J. D. Butler, the former Peggy Butler grew
6 up with the companionship of her two sisters, Joy and Shirby; she
7 graduated from the Goodwin School in 1954 and went on to earn her
8 nursing degree from Angelina College in Lufkin; during her career
9 as a registered nurse, she provided care to patients in hospitals,
10 nursing homes, and residences and especially distinguished herself
11 through her skill in pediatric nursing; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1982, she met Robert G. Duda, with whom she was
13 joined in matrimony on February 2, 1999, and she took joy in raising
14 a blended family that included her four children, Jordon, Jennifer,
15 Jed, and Justin, and three stepchildren, Stefanie, Jeffrey, and
16 Gregory; over the years, her life was further enriched by her 5
17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Proud of her heritage, Mrs. Duda was a member of the
19 Daughters of the Republic of Texas as well as the United States
20 Daughters of 1812; moreover, she was an active member of the Texas
21 Federation of Republican Women and the Caldwell County Republican
22 Women and held life membership in the Republican National
23 Committee; in 2007, she founded the Dictionary Project, and through
24 the organization, she collected and distributed dictionaries to

1 more than 6,000 third-grade students in Caldwell County; and

2 WHEREAS, A valued congregant of the Tabernacle of Deliverance
3 Church in Lockhart, Mrs. Duda was devoted to her faith, and in her
4 spare time, she enjoyed reading and studying the Bible; she was also
5 a talented cook and painter, and she counted sewing and tending her
6 garden among her favorite pursuits; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Peggy Duda will be deeply missed, cherished
8 memories of time spent in her company will long endure in the hearts
9 of her many loved ones; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Peggy Butler Duda and
12 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
13 further

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

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H.R. No. 2499

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2499 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 28, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House