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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 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.