

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Bremond were deeply saddened by the  
2 death of civic leader and *Bremond Press* publisher Betty Yezak on  
3 July 24, 2016, at the age of 90; and

4           WHEREAS, Born near Wheelock on December 20, 1925, the former  
5 Elizabeth Adele Supak was the youngest of the six children of  
6 sharecroppers Thomas and Louise Supak; her grandparents were Czech  
7 immigrants, and she spoke English as her second language when she  
8 started school; after graduating from Franklin High School, she  
9 became the first member of her family to attend college, with  
10 financial help from her older sister; she worked as a grill cook at  
11 the student union while completing her bachelor's degree in English  
12 at Texas State College for Women, and during World War II, she held  
13 a summer job as a forklift operator at a bomb factory in McGregor;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, She began teaching high school English in  
16 Pleasanton, and her brother introduced her to his boss, then-State  
17 Representative Herman Yezak; the couple married at St. Mary's  
18 Catholic Church in Bremond on October 5, 1949, and they were blessed  
19 with two daughters, Patricia "Pisha" and Jennifer, and two sons,  
20 Robert and George; while her children were young, Mrs. Yezak  
21 supported them in many extracurricular activities; she became an  
22 ardent fan of the Bremond Tigers, and in 61 years she attended every  
23 regular season football game and missed only four playoff games;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, At the end of the 1950s, the Yezaks purchased the  
2 weekly *Bremond Press*, and following her husband's death in 1986,  
3 Mrs. Yezak continued to lead it, with increasing help from her son,  
4 George; she wrote a column, "The B.Y. Line," in every edition for 29  
5 years, sharing her observations and, in keeping with her iron  
6 commitment to the First Amendment, sometimes rankling certain  
7 readers with her strongly held opinions; she also worked from 1957  
8 to 1971 as a Star Route mail carrier and loved getting to know and  
9 assist all manner of people along Route 3; subsequently, she served  
10 for eight years as a Child Protective Services worker in Franklin,  
11 and following the death of her husband, she completed his term as  
12 justice of the peace for Robertson County Precinct 4; in addition,  
13 she raised cattle with her son George; and

14           WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Mrs. Yezak was a CYO sponsor, CCD  
15 teacher, bazaar volunteer, and lector at St. Mary's; she served the  
16 wider community as a member of the Bremond Chamber of Commerce and  
17 of the committee that launched the Polish Day festival in 1988;  
18 moreover, she was the Democratic Party precinct chair and an  
19 election worker for many years; and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Yezak took great pride in her seven  
21 grandchildren, Eliot, Job, Kie, Menzie, Jackson, Todd, and Yancie,  
22 and her great-granddaughter, Georgia; she enjoyed watching Texas  
23 A&M and Dallas Cowboys football games, going out to eat, playing 42  
24 dominos, doing crosswords, and following current events with MSNBC,  
25 CNN, the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, *The Eagle*, and the *Dallas Morning*  
26 *News*; moreover, she liked to mow the yard, check on the cows, and  
27 take care of her four cats, Scrap, Smug, T-Face, and Yellowneck, as

1 well as her "part-time yard dog," Clyde, whose owner, Tinka Hopcus,  
2 was a dear neighbor; and

3 WHEREAS, Betty Yezak made a positive difference in her  
4 beloved community, and although she is sadly missed by her family,  
5 her friends, and her loyal readers, those who were privileged to  
6 know her will forever remember her warmth, enthusiasm, and profound  
7 sense of community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Betty Yezak and extend  
10 sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; 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 Betty  
14 Yezak.

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H.R. No. 2661

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2661 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House