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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Admired educator Phyllis Marie Simmonds of Lincoln passed away on December 27, 2018, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Charles and Judy Sellers, the former Phyllis Sellers was born in Caripito, Venezuela, on June 13, 1948; she grew up with a brother, Ron, and graduated from Midway High School and Southwest Texas State University; on June 13, 1968, she married James Hinton Simmonds at a ceremony conducted at First Baptist Church in San Marcos, and they became the proud parents of three children, Jacquelyn, Rex, and Cody; through the years, they knew the joy of welcoming into their treasured family four grandchildren, Molly, Kylie, Tanner, and Jarrett; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Simmonds taught English for nearly a half century, working at a number of schools where her husband was a coach and supporting him in his endeavors; after serving in Fredericksburg, San Antonio, Eagle Pass, Schertz, Brackettville, Uvalde, Rockdale, and Tomball, they settled in Giddings; Ms. Simmonds sponsored the Giddings Rotary Club's Interact Club at Giddings High School, and she played a key role in the creation of the Giddings High Grad Bash; moreover, she was active in her profession as a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and the Association of Texas Professional Educators, and she benefited the community through her involvement with the Lee County Area Cancer Resource Center; in her free time, she enjoyed tending her flowers, gardening, and watching her beloved grandchildren compete at area livestock shows; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Simmonds lived a caring and purposeful life, and she will forever be remembered with deep affection by those who held her close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Phyllis Marie Simmonds and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phyllis Marie Simmonds.