

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

1 at area livestock shows; and

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

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

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

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H.R. No. 843

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 843 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 19, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House