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H.R. No. 1314

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Calhoun County lost an admired public
2 servant and a friend to many with the passing of former Port Lavaca
3 mayor Ida Mae Browning on April 8, 2019, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Lee and Mary Birmingham, the former
5 "Tiney" Birmingham was born in Port Lavaca on June 28, 1927, and
6 grew up with four siblings, Roemer, Leslie, Dempsey, and Lorraine;
7 early in her career, she worked at Bauer Dredging as an executive
8 secretary and supervisor of accounting before leaving to care for
9 her ailing mother; she was later employed as an executive secretary
10 at First State Bank and Gary Aircraft; in 1964, she married B. B.
11 Browning, and they became the parents of a daughter, Tanya, and a
12 son, Bryan; through the years, she welcomed into her treasured
13 family nine grandchildren, and she helped raise two of them; she was
14 further blessed with four great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Browning became the first woman elected to the
16 Port Lavaca City Council, and after serving for 10 years, she became
17 the city's first female mayor; over the course of an administration
18 that spanned a decade, she worked tirelessly for infrastructure
19 improvements, including the mitigation of erosion, the
20 construction of the fishing pier, and the development of the iconic
21 Lighthouse Beach; and

22 WHEREAS, After leaving office in 2000, Mrs. Browning
23 continued to benefit her fellow citizens as a member of the city
24 planning commission, the Calhoun County Senior Citizens

1 Association Board, and the board of the Sunlight Girls Club; in
2 addition, she was a Boy Scout den mother, a member of Beta Sigma Phi
3 Sorority, and a lifetime member of the Calhoun County Fair
4 Association; the recipient of numerous honors, she was presented
5 with the key to the city on her 90th birthday, and she was named
6 Mother of the Year by Governor Ann Richards; and

7 WHEREAS, Diligent, kind, and vivacious, Tiney Browning
8 earned the admiration and affection of all who were fortunate
9 enough to know her, and her outstanding contributions to Port
10 Lavaca will be remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Ida Mae
13 "Tiney" Browning and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn
14 her passing; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ida Mae
18 "Tiney" Browning.