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H.R. No. 1555

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A caring and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Clifford "Gail" Rutledge of Lewisville on April 9, 2019,
3 at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Charles and Dorothy Apple, Gail
5 Rutledge was born on December 15, 1944, in San Francisco, and she
6 grew up with three younger siblings, Judy, Janice, and David; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Rutledge earned a bachelor of science degree
8 from the University of North Texas in 1978, and she continued her
9 studies at Texas A&M University-Commerce, where she graduated with
10 a master's degree in 1991; a dedicated and inspiring educator, she
11 taught science, chemistry, and integrated physics and chemistry for
12 more than three decades at schools in Emory, Mineola, and Tyler;
13 after retiring in 2007, she worked as a substitute teacher in Tyler
14 for several years; and

15 WHEREAS, Passionate about politics, Ms. Rutledge volunteered
16 extensively with the Denton County Democratic Party and became
17 office manager of the organization's headquarters in 2017; she
18 further contributed her time to teaching English as a second
19 language to adults in the community, and she was actively involved
20 in the American Association of University Women and the Texas
21 American Federation of Teachers; moreover, she performed in a
22 number of productions at the Mineola Playhouse, participated in the
23 Progressive Leaders of Denton County Toastmasters Club, and served
24 on the board of the Denton Bridge Studio; and

1 WHEREAS, Above all else, Ms. Rutledge was a devoted mother to
2 her three sons, Keith, Michael, and Brian, and she treasured the
3 time she spent with her grandchildren, Brittany, Kennedy, Chance,
4 and Hayes, and great-grandchildren, Cassius, Braylon, Landon, and
5 Lakyn; and

6 WHEREAS, Gail Rutledge possessed a generosity of spirit that
7 expressed itself in myriad ways, and she enriched the lives of
8 countless people with her warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clifford "Gail"
12 Rutledge and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her
13 passing; and, be it 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 Clifford
17 "Gail" Rutledge.