

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 249

In Memory  
of  
Betty Ann Cox

**WHEREAS**, Betty Ann Cox of Tyler, an inspiring educator and a deeply cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on January 19, 2019, at the age of 87; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Denton on August 10, 1931, to Henry and Neva Riek, the former Betty Riek grew up with the companionship of a brother, Bob; on June 12, 1953, she was joined in matrimony to Dale Cox, with whom she shared 58 years of marriage before his passing; the couple raised two children, Greg and Deanie, and Mrs. Cox later experienced the joy of welcoming into her treasured family three grandchildren, Sarah, Brooke, and Peyton, and two great-grandchildren, Paxton and Addie; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cox received her bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University and her master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University; she enjoyed a rewarding career with the Tyler Independent School District, where she served as a teacher, principal, and director of elementary education; she was renowned for the personal attention that she gave to her students, and she was respected greatly as a role model by those who worked alongside her; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of strong faith, Mrs. Cox was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tyler for 56 years, and she contributed to her congregation by teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, and serving on committees; she was unstintingly generous with her time, and she was always a positive and encouraging influence on others; and

**WHEREAS**, Betty Cox dedicated her life to her family, her faith, and her profession, and she made the world a brighter place for all who were fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Betty Ann Cox and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her children, Greg Cox and his wife, Lala, and Deanie McDonough and her husband, Nick; to her grandchildren, Sarah Santone and her husband, Jonathon, Brooke Lowthorp and her husband, Nathan, and Peyton McDonough and his fiancée, Tina Hetherington; to her great-grandchildren, Paxton and Addie Santone; to her brother, Bob Riek, and his wife, Marlene; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betty Cox.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2019, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate