

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Debbie  
2 Jean Box of Waxahachie, who passed away on February 9, 2021, at the  
3 age of 66; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of James Ewing Smith and Lois Jean  
5 Smith, the former Debbie Jean Smith was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma,  
6 on March 2, 1954, and grew up in Stigler, Oklahoma, with three  
7 siblings, Judy, Liz, and James; and

8           WHEREAS, She married David Box and they became the parents of  
9 four daughters, Wendy, Stephanie, Nickie, and Jennifer; through the  
10 years, Ms. Box knew the joy of welcoming into her treasured family  
11 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Box settled in Waxahachie in 1984; after 20  
13 years in banking, she joined her husband in the insurance business,  
14 and they owned agencies for almost two decades; along the way, she  
15 made time to volunteer extensively with numerous organizations,  
16 including the Waxahachie Gingerbread Trail, March of Dimes, Red Oak  
17 Area Chamber of Commerce, Helping Hands of Ennis, Waxahachie  
18 Downtown Merchants Association, and Ellis County Art Association;  
19 she had many talents and loved to paint with watercolors, learn new  
20 knitting patterns, and throw pottery; in addition, she enjoyed  
21 traveling with her husband, shopping, talking with her girls,  
22 walking the beach with her best friend, and hearing about her  
23 grandchildren's accomplishments; and

24           WHEREAS, Debbie Box lived a rich and purposeful life centered

1 around her family, her friends, and her community, and she will long  
2 be remembered with deep affection by all who knew her; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Debbie Jean Box and  
6 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
7 husband, David Brent Box; to her daughters and their husbands,  
8 Wendy and Neil Poynor, Stephanie and Chad Alexander, Nickie and JJ  
9 Weyrauch, and Jennifer and Joe Knapp; to her sisters, Judy Beller  
10 and Liz Hendrix, and her brother, James Smith; to her  
11 grandchildren, Nathan, Cannon, and Kayson Weyrauch, Megan Nickels,  
12 Daken and Keller Milligan, Hunter Poynor, Jeffery, Jakob, and  
13 Jaycee Knapp, and Lily Alexander; to her great-grandchildren,  
14 Atalie and Wyatt Nickels; and to her other relatives and friends;  
15 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 523

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 523 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 9, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House