

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Mary Virginia Smith Pendergrass, who passed away on October 19,
4 2019, at the age of 92; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Henry and Jewel Tate Smith, the
6 former Mary Smith was born in Huntsville on September 14, 1927; she
7 graduated from North High School in Columbus, Ohio, and earned a
8 sociology degree from Baylor University in 1948; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pendergrass worked as executive director of
10 the Camp Fire Girls of Alice and went on to serve as president of the
11 20th Century Study Club and the Parent Teachers Association in
12 Pittsburg; named Woman of the Year by the Pittsburg-Camp County
13 Chamber of Commerce, she led efforts to pay domestic workers
14 minimum wage, and she helped start the county's first Republican
15 Party; furthermore, she was a Camp County child protective services
16 officer and an adult probation officer in Mount Pleasant; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1981, Mrs. Pendergrass moved to Austin, earning
18 her Texas real estate and broker licenses and specializing in
19 national relocation for Sherry Brown Realtors; civically engaged,
20 she twice served as a delegate for Texas State Republican
21 Conventions and lent her time to the board of directors of the
22 Austin Musical Theater; she was also president of The Order of the
23 Daughters of the King and a longtime congregant of St. David's
24 Episcopal Church; and

1 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Pendergrass enjoyed the
2 love and support of her husband, Dr. Robert Keith Pendergrass Sr.,
3 with whom she shared a rewarding marriage of 67 years until his
4 death; she took great pride in her four children, Robert, Mary,
5 Henry, and Peter, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Pendergrass showered those she held dear with
8 unconditional love, and she leaves behind a legacy of faith,
9 kindness, and generosity that will continue to inspire all who knew
10 her; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Virginia Smith
13 Pendergrass and extend deepest condolences to the members of her
14 family: to her children, Robert Keith Pendergrass Jr. and his wife,
15 Juli, Mary Virginia Lannen and her husband, Rick, Henry Lee
16 Pendergrass and his wife, Colleen, and Peter William Pendergrass
17 and his wife, Desiree; to her grandchildren, Virginia Leigh Hart,
18 John Bucy III, Richard Henry Lannen, Anna Pendergrass Rankin, and
19 Sarah, Peter, Katherine, Abby, and Annie Pendergrass; to her
20 step-grandchildren, Whitney and Justin Lannen; to her
21 great-grandchildren, Catherine, Jackson, and Ryan Hart and Bradley
22 Bucy; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary
26 Pendergrass.

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H.R. No. 1338

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1338 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House