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S.C.R. No. 51

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Sara  
2 Sandlin Ratliff of Mount Pleasant, who passed away on December 17,  
3 2019, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, The former "Sally" Sandlin was born to True and Bob  
5 Sandlin in Mount Pleasant on June 21, 1936; a graduate of Stephens  
6 College and The University of Texas at Austin, she was a member of  
7 Zeta Tau Alpha; she met her future husband, Bill Ratliff, when he  
8 came to pick up his cousin at the sorority house, and he proposed on  
9 Valentine's Day just three months later; the couple married in  
10 August 1959, and they became the parents of three treasured  
11 children, Bess, Bennett, and Thomas; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Ratliff was a source of tremendous support and  
13 encouragement to her husband as he pursued a second career in public  
14 service and rose to become the state's lieutenant governor; along  
15 the way, she kept meticulously detailed scrapbooks about his life  
16 in politics, which proved most valuable to his biographer, and the  
17 archive she assembled was eventually acquired by The University of  
18 Texas at Tyler; dedicated to the betterment of Mount Pleasant, she  
19 volunteered extensively in the community; she was also a Life  
20 Member of the Texas Exes; and

21           WHEREAS, Through the years, Mrs. Ratliff knew the joy of  
22 welcoming into her family a son-in-law, Mike, and two  
23 daughters-in-law, Beccy and Stacy; she took great pride in her  
24 grandchildren, Rachael and William Ratliff, Thomas Ratliff, Maggie

1 and Keenan Weiss, Tyler Hargrave, Meaghan and Grant Hargrave, Kelly  
2 and Harrison Hargrave, Sara Ratliff, and Taylor Ratliff, and  
3 great-grandchildren, Gavin Hargrave, Beckam Hargrave, Emma  
4 Ratliff, and Pierce Hargrave; and

5 WHEREAS, Sally Ratliff brightened the days of innumerable  
6 people with her warmth, kindness, and grace, and although she will  
7 be deeply missed, she will forever hold a special place in the  
8 hearts of all who were privileged to share in her love and  
9 friendship; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sara Sandlin Ratliff and extend  
12 sincere condolences to her family and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
16 Sally Ratliff.