

By: Hughes

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Linda Walton Semlear of  
2 Longview were deeply saddened by her death on May 17, 2025, at the  
3 age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Al and Odessa Walton, the former  
5 Linda Walton was born on August 25, 1945, in Kilgore, where she grew  
6 up with her siblings; she graduated from Kilgore High School and  
7 continued her education at Kilgore College before earning a degree  
8 at Stephen F. Austin State University; and

9 WHEREAS, During her time at the university, she met her  
10 future husband, Jack Semlear, and their wedding in 1967 marked the  
11 beginning of a rewarding marriage that spanned 46 years until  
12 Mr. Semlear's passing; after settling in Longview with her husband,  
13 Mrs. Semlear worked for Texas Eastman and eventually retired from  
14 the Pine Tree Independent School District; she further contributed  
15 to the teaching profession as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Semlear was a devoted mother to her two  
17 children, Eric and Elaine, and with the passing years, she  
18 delighted in becoming "Nonnie" to her seven grandchildren, Brayden,  
19 Allison, Kate, Olivia, Jessica, Clay, and Sara; and

20 WHEREAS, While her loss is difficult to bear, Linda Semlear  
21 left behind numerous friends and loved ones whose lives are far  
22 richer for having known her, and she will always hold a treasured  
23 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st

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1 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Linda Walton  
2 Semlear and extend sincere condolences to the members of her  
3 family: to her son, Eric Semlear and his wife, Kelly; to her  
4 daughter, Elaine Hargate; to her grandchildren; and to her other  
5 relatives and friends; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
8 day, it do so in memory of Linda Semlear.