

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

In Memory
of
Ethel Branch

WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close on May 2, 2025, with the passing of Ethel Branch of Longview at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, The youngest child of Dick and Marie Rowland, the former Ethel Rowland was born on December 19, 1943, in Orlando, Florida; after graduating high school, she worked in mortgage lending before embarking on a long and successful career in real estate; in 1995, she joined Lenhart Properties, now Coldwell Banker Lenhart Properties, and in the course of her 30 years with the agency, she was a top performer as well as a mentor and leader to her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, she married Barney Branch, and the couple went on to share a rewarding marriage that spanned nearly four decades; Mrs. Branch's life was greatly enriched by her stepsons, Trey and Scott, as well as her three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a woman of deep faith, she served as an usher at Trinity Episcopal Church; she also gave generously of her time and talents to the Green Thumb Garden Club, and she had a lifelong passion for the beach, especially the Florida coast; and

WHEREAS, Admired for her warmth, kindness, and quick wit, Ethel Branch brightened the world for all who knew her, and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Ethel Branch and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of

her family: to her husband, Barney Branch; to her sister-in-law, Jo Ann Ford, and her children, Jill, Gail, and Greg; to her stepsons, Trey Branch and Scott Branch and his wife, Christy; to her grandchildren, Connor, Carson, and Karly Branch; to her great-grandchildren; and to her many other relatives and host of 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 Ethel Branch.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on August 15, 2025, by
a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate