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S.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the death of Marion Patricia VanDevender of
3 Atlanta on July 27, 2025, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of E. L. and Elva Caron Cumberland, Pat
5 VanDevender was born on May 23, 1942, in Kemper County,
6 Mississippi, and grew up with the companionship of two sisters,
7 Kaye and Peggy; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. VanDevender went on to share a rewarding
9 65-year marriage with her husband, Gerald, and she took great pride
10 in their four children, Doug, Brad, Jan, and Todd; with the passing
11 years, she had the privilege of seeing her family grow to include 6
12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. VanDevender was a valued
14 congregant of First Baptist Church in Atlanta; in her leisure
15 hours, she enjoyed reading, cooking, and sewing; and

16 WHEREAS, While her loss is difficult to bear, Pat VanDevender
17 leaves behind numerous friends and loved ones whose lives are far
18 richer for having known her, and she will forever hold a treasured
19 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
21 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Marion Patricia
22 VanDevender and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her
23 family: to her husband, Gerald VanDevender; to her sons, Doug
24 VanDevender and his wife, Sarah Jo, and Brad VanDevender; to her

1 daughter, Jan Giles; to her sisters, Kaye Johnson and her husband,
2 Doug, and Peggy Nowell and her husband, Larry Wayne; to her
3 grandchildren, Amber Jaynes, Trevor Giles, Miranda Champion,
4 Elizabeth Giles, Meagan Thomas, and Tyler VanDevender; to her
5 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and many friends;
6 and, be it further

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