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S.R. No. 71

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with meaningful achievements drew to a
2 close with the passing of Debra Rene Clouatre of Gladewater on
3 July 27, 2025, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Mel and Joyce Duvall, the former
5 Debra Duvall was born in Mamou, Louisiana, on July 14, 1954, and she
6 grew up with the company of three siblings, Mike, Sherry, and Rick;
7 after graduating from West Monroe High School, she earned her
8 bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from
9 Louisiana Tech University and her master's degree in the same
10 disciplines from the University of Louisiana Monroe; she went on to
11 complete a degree in education mid-management at Texas A&M
12 University-Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1980, Mrs. Clouatre joined the Gladewater
14 Independent School District as an elementary school counselor; over
15 the course of her 26 years with the district, her kindness,
16 enthusiasm, and encouragement made a positive difference in the
17 lives of students and brightened the days of her colleagues;
18 following her retirement in 2006, she became a consultant for
19 Wireless Generation, providing training on educational software,
20 and she later consulted for Tyler ISD; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clouatre shared a fulfilling marriage of 41
22 years with her husband, Lionel, before his death in 2021; she was
23 the devoted mother of two daughters, Jessica and Natalie, and she
24 had the pleasure of seeing her family grow to include two

1 granddaughters, Rilee and Ivy; in her leisure time, she loved
2 traveling, bird-watching, gardening, spending time with her
3 friends, and caring for her treasured dog, Athena; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Debra Clouatre is deeply missed, memories
5 of her warmth, generosity, and resilience remain to comfort and
6 inspire those she leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
8 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Debra Rene
9 Clouatre and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
10 family: to her daughters, Jessica Kimbrell and Natalie Clouatre and
11 her husband, Brandon; to her granddaughters, Rilee Bowden and Ivy
12 Ebey; to her siblings, Sherry Meeks and her husband, Mike, and Rick
13 Duvall and his wife, Heike; and to her other relatives and many
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
17 day, it do so in memory of Debra Clouatre.