

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Laredo lost an admired philanthropist
2 with the passing of Peggy Jean Newman on April 19, 2024, at the age
3 of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of William and Beulah Beheler, the
5 former Peggy Beheler was born on August 6, 1931; she married the
6 love of her life, Bernard "B. P." Newman, and they were blessed with
7 four children, Joel, David, Mark, and Nancy; through the years, her
8 treasured family grew to include 11 grandchildren and 21
9 great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman invested in real estate through various
11 entities, and she served B. P. Newman Investment Company as a member
12 of the board and as president; in 1997, she became the first woman
13 to serve on the board of the International Bank of Commerce, and she
14 continued in that position for two decades; and

15 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her community, Mrs. Newman
16 served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations, including the
17 United Way of Laredo; she donated land to the group and was actively
18 involved in the effort to build a home for its operations; she also
19 gave generously of her time and talents to such organizations as the
20 Salvation Army, Casa de Misericordia, Habitat for Humanity, the
21 Laredo Food Bank, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation; in 2020, she was
22 recognized by Catholic Charities for her years of selfless work to
23 advance its mission; moreover, she and her husband were champions
24 of higher education, playing important roles in the development of

1 Texas A&M International University, holding membership in the TAMIU
2 Heritage Society, and establishing two endowed scholarships at the
3 university; she was also a supporter of the Alzheimer's
4 Association, and she was instrumental in the success of the Laredo
5 Walk to End Alzheimer's; and

6 WHEREAS, A valued member of the First Baptist Church,
7 Mrs. Newman was guided in all her endeavors by her strong faith;
8 above all, she was devoted to her family and cherished the time she
9 spent with her loved ones; she was preceded in death by her husband
10 and two sons, Joel and David; and

11 WHEREAS, The life of Peggy Newman stands as an inspiring
12 example of civic engagement, and those she left behind will forever
13 cherish their memories of her warmth, grace, and kindness; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Peggy Jean Newman
17 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
18 children, Mark Newman and his wife, Darla, and Nancy De Anda and her
19 husband, Javier; to her daughter-in-law, Ana Laura Newman; to her
20 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and to her other
21 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Peggy Jean
25 Newman.

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H.R. No. 15

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 15 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House