

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Katy community lost a beloved member with the
2 death of Paula Kay Hughes on January 8, 2025, at the age of 83; and

3 WHEREAS, Born on April 22, 1941, in Pontiac, Michigan, to
4 Paul Ervin Stapp and Delma Kayga Stapp, the former Paula Stapp was
5 raised with the values of love, kindness, and community; she grew up
6 with four siblings, Judy, Tom, Richard, and Mike, and she attended
7 St. Agnes Academy and Friendswood High School, where she graduated
8 in 1961 and was a member of the cheerleading squad; and

9 WHEREAS, On October 11, 1962, she exchanged vows with Fabol
10 Hughes, and the couple shared a rewarding union that spanned more
11 than six decades; Mrs. Hughes took great pride in their children,
12 Robin, Melissa, Kim, and Charlie, and with the passing years, she
13 had the pleasure of seeing her treasured family grow to include four
14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and

15 WHEREAS, Devoted to her community, Mrs. Hughes served as an
16 ambassador of the City of Katy, and she also acted as its first lady
17 during her husband's tenure as mayor; she was a dedicated member of
18 the city's Parks and Recreation Board, where her contributions
19 helped enhance the quality of life for all of the area's residents;
20 moreover, her great concern for the well-being of children led her
21 to support such causes as Shriners Hospitals for Children and the
22 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

23 WHEREAS, In her leisure hours, Mrs. Hughes enjoyed cheering
24 on the Katy Tigers football team and the Houston Astros and

1 supporting her grandchildren at their sporting events; she also
2 liked attending concerts and dancing, and she brightened the days
3 of everyone around her with her vivacious personality, infectious
4 laughter, and great compassion; and

5 WHEREAS, Admired for her dedication to her family, to her
6 community, and to service, Paula Hughes leaves behind a legacy that
7 will forever be cherished by all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Paula Kay Hughes and
10 extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her
11 husband, Fabol Hughes; to her children, Robin Lange and her
12 husband, Bruce, Melissa Watkins and her husband, Chris, Kim Hughes,
13 and Charlie Hughes and his wife, Susie; to her grandchildren,
14 Cooper Hughes, Brady Hughes, Ian Watkins, and Tyler Hall; to her
15 great-grandchild, Emerson Hughes; to her sister, Judy Hollis, and
16 her husband, Ron; and to her many other relatives and friends; and,
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Paula
21 Hughes.

Schofield

H.R. No. 539

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 539 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House