

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 604

In Memory  
of  
Shirley Gilbreath

**WHEREAS**, Family and friends will forever cherish their memories of Shirley Lee Watson Gilbreath, who passed away on October 19, 2024, at the age of 72; and

**WHEREAS**, The daughter of John Lee Watson and Ira Jeter, the former Shirley Watson was born in Tyler on July 4, 1952, and she grew up with the companionship of a sister, Linda; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gilbreath enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Robert, with whom she shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 42 years; she was a nurturing mother to their three children, Monica, Jerry Lee, and Sean, as well as to her bonus son, Russell; over the years, her treasured family grew to include eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Gilbreath spent countless hours sharing stories and supporting them in all of their endeavors, and she was always ready with a listening ear and words of advice; she also had a profound love for animals, caring for numerous pets over the course of her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Shirley Gilbreath is deeply missed, the passage of time will never diminish the kindness and joy that she brought into the lives of all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Shirley Lee Watson Gilbreath and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her husband, Robert Gilbreath; to her children, Monica Bailey and her husband, Derrick, Jerry Lee Tucker, and Sean Tucker and his wife, Angel; to her bonus son, Russell Terry;

to her grandchildren, Joshua, Amber and her husband, Chase, Nathan and his wife, Samantha, Brooke and her husband, Jonathan, Brian, Kirstin, and Maddison; to her great-grandchildren, Ethan, Jace, Gracelynn, Winry, Emilee, Ella, Blakeney, Charlee, and Evie; to her best friend, Cheryl Tucker; and to her many other relatives and 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 Shirley Gilbreath.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2025, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate