

## HB 416 PASSES THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES!!!!

Greetings All,

H. B. 416, the Restroom Access Act passed in the House of Representatives this evening with 102 votes! There were 27 no votes, 1 present but not voting, and the rest of the 150 were absent. There will be a third reading of the bill tomorrow and the final recorded vote, but votes are rarely changed.

The only amendment to the bill was that a person using the restroom must leave it in the condition it was when they went in. That seems only fair. When the representatives told Catherine and asked her what she thought of the changes she replied, "In Girl Scouts they told us you are to leave things better than the condition in which you found it, so that only makes sense."

Catherine wanted me to thank everyone for their support of this bill in so many, many ways. She has learned so much about the legislative process this year, most importantly how essential it is to have bi-partisan support. She also learned about the courage it takes in politics to follow your conscience, even if it could hurt one politically. (But that's a long story!)

The bill is now moving on to the Senate. Kirk Watson, our senator will be sponsoring it. Please call your Senator and ask for support of this bill. It will still be H.B. 416, the Restroom Access Act.

With Gratitude,

Debbie

(the mother of a 10 yr old former UC pt of Kathy Murphy, RN CWOCN – pt now has a J-pouch)