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H.R. No. 188

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Kate Garrison of Collin County on
2 August 26, 2021, has brought a profound loss to her friends and
3 colleagues, as well as to all those whose lives she touched through
4 her advocacy for Texans with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Peekskill in New York's lower
6 Hudson Valley, Kate Garrison earned her bachelor's degree in
7 sociology from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where she was a
8 member of the Alpha Kappa Delta honor society; she enjoyed a varied
9 career during which she worked for major corporations as a human
10 resources professional and training consultant; at other times, she
11 was employed as a preschool teacher and horseback riding
12 instructor, and she was also a standout competitive polo player in
13 the 1980s and 1990s; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Garrison's life took a pivotal turn when she
15 suffered a fall that left her without the use of her lower body; her
16 experiences gave her keen insight into accessibility issues and the
17 everyday struggles faced by people with disabilities, and her
18 commitment to ensuring equal voting rights led to the creation of
19 curbside voting standards in Collin County; seeking to build upon
20 the momentum of that victory, she went on to deliver a powerful
21 testimony before the Texas Legislature in her quest to establish
22 curbside voting standards statewide; and

23 WHEREAS, A stalwart Democrat who dedicated everything she had
24 to her ideals, Ms. Garrison served as founding president of the

1 Collin County Democrats with Disabilities, as vice chair of the
2 Texas Democrats with Disabilities, and as a precinct chair in
3 Plano; she enjoyed warm friendships with many of those who shared
4 her devotion to the causes she held dear, and through her actions
5 and her example, she inspired others to believe that they too could
6 make a difference; and

7 WHEREAS, Kate Garrison earned the admiration and affection of
8 those around her through her unfaltering determination and strength
9 in the face of adversity, and she will be profoundly missed by all
10 who had the privilege of sharing in her extraordinary life; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
14 of Kate Garrison and extend heartfelt condolences to her friends
15 and supporters; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
17 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kate Garrison.