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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Patricia Harlow Pangburn of Irving passed away on
2 September 17, 2021, at the age of 77, following more than 30 years
3 of showing cancer who was the more determined fighter; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on May 4, 1944, the former Pat Harlow spent her
5 early childhood in Alton, Illinois; she attended high school in
6 North Texas and quickly set about making state politics more fair
7 and more fun; a staunch Democrat, she brought to countless
8 campaigns both iron-willed idealism and formidable skill as a
9 fundraiser and street-smart strategist; she took on the powerful
10 with gusto and relished opportunities to facilitate the rise of
11 women in Texas Democratic politics; in 1990, she played a key role
12 in the successful gubernatorial run of Ann Richards, who later
13 appointed her chair of the Texas Racing Commission; while
14 recognizing the impact of public policy, she also found politics
15 wildly amusing and loved to laugh at the foibles of its
16 practitioners, whether her opponents or herself; and

17 WHEREAS, She met her future husband, Dr. Howard Pangburn,
18 when she was a college student seeking a quick filling at the dental
19 school; they married in 1967 and lived in Turkey during his military
20 service; after settling in Southlake and then Irving, Ms. Pangburn
21 raised two children, Leslie and Brent, in between political battles
22 and sudden skirmishes with ideological adversaries; every year, she
23 and her husband reprised their first date at the opening day of the
24 Texas State Fair; she eventually became the proud grandmother of

1 Carson and Addison, and when not vacationing with them, she loved
2 sending them silly videos and having long FaceTime chats; endowed
3 with remarkable people skills, she cultivated an ever-widening
4 circle of friends, among them the members of the Pat PAC, a rowdy
5 lunch and politics group known for its ability to empty nearby
6 restaurant tables; she knew everything about everyone and delighted
7 in connecting like-minded individuals, as well as helping friends,
8 neighbors, and even casual acquaintances through failed romances,
9 family feuds, professional disasters, and personal crises; in
10 addition, she doted on her many pets, including H. Ross Parrot,
11 taught to do a memorable impression of his namesake, and Motts III,
12 an adored and adoring Bouvier des Flandres; and

13 WHEREAS, Pat Pangburn worked tirelessly to make the world a
14 better place while brightening the days of all who knew her, and
15 they will forever treasure their memories of time spent in her
16 company; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
19 Patricia Harlow Pangburn and extend sincere sympathy to her loved
20 ones; and, be it further

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