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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Corpus Christi lost an admired civic
2 leader with the passing of Lena D. Wilson on September 8, 2021, at
3 the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Dovie Sutton and Albert Satterwhite,
5 the former Lena Delores Satterwhite was born in Gonzales County on
6 August 31, 1930; she grew up in Seguin and demonstrated a strong
7 work ethic as a young girl, bussing tables at a hotel café and
8 holding down a job at a dry cleaners; after graduating from
9 Lincoln-Ball High School in 1949, she completed nursing school, but
10 she left that field to earn a master's degree in business; she owned
11 a popular restaurant and music venue before focusing her career on
12 social services; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1976, she moved to Corpus Christi, where she
14 established herself as an entrepreneur, owning such businesses as
15 the Unity Chapel Funeral Home; she married Frank Alfred Wilson and
16 devoted herself to their treasured family, including twin daughters
17 Lana and Dana and son Al; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson became executive director of HIALCO, a
19 community service agency, and then director of mental retardation
20 vocational services for the Nueces County MHMR Community Center; a
21 pioneer in vocational education, she was also instrumental in the
22 establishment of two residential homes for people with
23 disabilities, Elliott Grant Homes and Jefferine Lytle Estates; she
24 eventually launched her own company, Lena's Business Management and

1 Consultants, as well as the nonprofit LC Foundation, which helps
2 individuals with disabilities find permanent jobs; its initiatives
3 have further included creation of the Lena Coleman-Wilson Hope
4 Scholarship at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, holiday
5 donations to children, and contributions to a local group
6 alleviating hunger; deeply committed to education, Mrs. Wilson
7 also funded the Lena D. Wilson Visionary Legacy Scholarship at
8 Lincoln-Ball High School; she was a member of the League of Women
9 Voters and president emeritus of the H. Boyd Hall branch of the
10 NAACP, and she held leadership roles with such organizations as the
11 United Way and the local chamber of commerce; and

12 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Wilson attended church
13 services regularly; she eventually retired to Schertz, closer to
14 her home congregation, New St. James Baptist Church in Seguin; and

15 WHEREAS, Lena Wilson gave freely of her time, resources, and
16 expertise to better her community, and her contributions will be
17 remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
20 Lena D. Wilson and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her
21 passing; and, be it further

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