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H.R. No. 113

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Highland Park community lost a beloved leader
2 with the passing of Leslie Long Melson on January 24, 2021, at the
3 age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Hamilton, Ohio, on July 20, 1955, the former
5 Leslie Ann Long was the oldest child of Bill and Ann Long; "Peach"
6 helped nurture three younger brothers, David, Steve, and Jeff, as
7 the family relocated for her father's career, finally settling in
8 Dallas; and

9 WHEREAS, While studying art at Southern Methodist
10 University, she met the love of her life, Jim Melson, and they
11 married at Highland Park Presbyterian Church on August 19, 1978;
12 the couple were blessed with four children, Jed, Ann, Ellen, and
13 John, and while supporting them in their many activities,
14 Ms. Melson played a maternal role in the lives of many of their
15 friends as well; eventually, she welcomed into her treasured family
16 a daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and two sons-in-law, Robby and
17 Clayton, along with nine grandchildren, Jay, Will, Kyle, Cali Ann,
18 John, Charley, Reed, Cooper, and Carter; she encouraged them in all
19 their passions, and notably joined a son-in-law in cheering the Los
20 Angeles Dodgers on to the 2020 World Series title; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Melson was dedicated to the Highland Park
22 Independent School District and gave generously of her time and
23 talents to the PTA and the HP Education Foundation; for nearly a
24 decade, she served on the board of HPISD, and she was also a

1 presiding member of the board of HP Arts; in addition, she served
2 her alma mater as a trustee and as president of the Alumni
3 Association; a woman of deep faith, she was actively involved in
4 Highland Park Presbyterian Church as well; she cherished happy
5 times with her loved ones at Marita Ranch in East Texas and Amelia
6 Island in Florida, and her compassion for animals led her to adopt a
7 host of cats, dogs, and even baby goats; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Leslie Melson is greatly missed, the
9 passage of time will never diminish the joy and love she brought
10 into the lives of all who knew her, and they will forever treasure
11 their memories of her warmth, grace, and kindness; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leslie Long Melson and
15 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leslie Long
20 Melson.