

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Glenna Goodacre, an internationally renowned artist
2 and sculptor whose works include the Vietnam Women's Memorial,
3 passed away on April 13, 2020, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Lubbock on August 28, 1939, the former
5 Glenna Maxey was the daughter of Homer and Melba Maxey, who
6 encouraged her artistic inclinations; after high school, she
7 studied art at Colorado College, where she met her first husband,
8 William Goodacre; upon graduating in 1961, she returned to Lubbock
9 and began a prolific career as a painter; she eventually shifted her
10 interest to sculpture, displaying several pieces in Lubbock and in
11 Santa Fe, New Mexico, through a partnership with art dealer Forrest
12 Fenn; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1974, Ms. Goodacre moved to Boulder, Colorado,
14 where she lived for a decade and raised her two children, Tim and
15 Jill; she then settled in Santa Fe, a city that she had visited many
16 times throughout her life, and later wed her second husband, C. L.
17 Mike Schmidt, in 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, As a master sculptor, Ms. Goodacre specialized in
19 crafting lifelike bronze figure statues; she was awarded numerous
20 major public commissions, the most notable of which included the
21 Vietnam Women's Memorial displayed on the National Mall in
22 Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Mint's Sacagawea dollar coin; in
23 1997, she was chosen as the sculptor for the Irish Memorial in
24 Philadelphia, her most ambitious creation, which consisted of 35

1 life-sized figures depicting the Irish potato famine and subsequent
2 mass immigration of Irish families to the United States; the
3 following year, she completed a statue of President Ronald Reagan
4 for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and the Ronald
5 Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Goodacre was an academician of the National
8 Academy of Design and a Fellow of the National Sculpture Society,
9 and she received honorary doctorates from Colorado College and
10 Texas Tech University; moreover, she was the recipient of such
11 accolades as a 2002 James Earl Fraser Sculpture Award from the Prix
12 de West Invitational Art Exhibition and Sale, a 2003 Gold Medal for
13 Career Achievement from the Portrait Society of America, and a 2003
14 Texas Medal of Arts; and

15 WHEREAS, Although her passing has brought great sorrow to her
16 family and to her many friends and fellow artists, Glenna Goodacre
17 leaves behind an extraordinary body of work that will continue to
18 inspire and enrich the imaginations of those who view it in the
19 decades to come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Glenna Goodacre and
22 extend deepest sympathy to her loved ones; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 175

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 175 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House