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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of JoAnne Powell on March 24, 2021, at the age of 89; and

3 WHEREAS, The daughter of Brooks and Iva Mae McAdams, the
4 former JoAnne McAdams was born in Nashville, Arkansas, on November
5 27, 1931, and grew up with a brother, James; she graduated from
6 Southern Arkansas University; in December 1954, she exchanged
7 wedding vows with her childhood sweetheart, Charles Powell, and
8 they became the proud parents of a daughter, Teresa Anne; they later
9 welcomed into their family two grandchildren, Colin and Caitlin;
10 Mr. and Mrs. Powell shared a rewarding union that spanned more than
11 six and a half decades before his death in 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, For over 30 years, Mrs. Powell traveled with her
13 husband during his career in the U.S. Air Force; the couple
14 ultimately settled in San Angelo, where she revived the Goodfellow
15 Officer's Wives Club and launched the Christmas Bazaar at
16 Goodfellow Air Force Base; in 1984, she became the district office
17 manager and area staff aide for U.S. Congressman Tom Loeffler; she
18 went on to serve with U.S. Congressmen Lamar Smith, Michael
19 Conaway, and August Pfluger, and through her work, she found great
20 joy in helping to meet the needs of constituents; furthermore, she
21 was involved with the Concho Valley Republican Women, and she was
22 honored by the Texas Federation of Republican Women; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Powell held board seats with United Way, the
24 Concho Valley Partnership, Meals for the Elderly, and Hospice of

1 San Angelo, among other organizations; she received the United Way
2 Keeping the Flame of Hope Alive Award and was recognized as a Woman
3 of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas; moreover, she
4 belonged to Johnson Street Church of Christ and supported its
5 mission and outreach endeavors; and

6 WHEREAS, A woman of grace, compassion, humility, and strong
7 character, JoAnne Powell made a positive difference in countless
8 lives, and she will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of
9 all who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of JoAnne Powell and
12 extend deepest condolences to her relatives and friends; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of JoAnne
17 Powell.