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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Pamela
2 Christine Brandes Tackett of Austin, who passed away on March 26,
3 2021, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 4, 1945, to Woodrow and Christine
5 Brandes, the former Pam Brandes grew up in Ganado with the
6 companionship of a brother, Woodrow; she was the senior class
7 president and salutatorian at Ganado High School, where she also
8 participated in the band, the drama club, and American Legion
9 Auxiliary Girls State and was awarded the title of Homecoming Grand
10 Duchess; she went on to attend Trinity University in San Antonio
11 before transferring to The University of Texas at Austin and
12 earning her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1968;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Tackett embarked on a 45-year career in public
15 education in 1968, when she was hired by the Texas Education Agency
16 as a secretary for its typing pool; by the time she retired in 2001,
17 she was serving as executive director of the State Board for
18 Educator Certification, an agency that regulates the certification
19 and standards of conduct of all public school educators in Texas;
20 after retiring, she consulted with school districts on the creation
21 of early college high schools; and

22 WHEREAS, While pursuing a highly successful career,
23 Ms. Tackett devoted herself to her family; she wed Steve Tackett in
24 September 1967, and during a marriage that spanned more than five

1 decades, the couple raised two treasured children, Cara and Ross,
2 and were further blessed with three precious grandchildren,
3 William, Austin, and Elizabeth; she and her husband were longtime
4 members of the First United Methodist Church of Austin and its
5 Downtowners Sunday school class, and they volunteered generously
6 with Mobile Loaves and Fishes, the Appalachia Service Project, the
7 Reconciling Ministries Network, and other ministries; and

8 WHEREAS, Pamela Tackett lived a life that was rich in
9 personal and professional achievements, and she will forever be a
10 source of inspiration to those she leaves behind; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Pamela Christine
14 Brandes Tackett and extend heartfelt sympathy to her family and
15 friends; and, be it further

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