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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Wanda Smith Center of
2 Cherokee were deeply saddened by her passing on March 3, 2021, at
3 the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 31, 1950, in San Antonio, the former
5 Wanda Smith was the daughter of TJ and Loraine Smith, and she grew
6 up in Pearsall with the companionship of her three siblings, Tommy,
7 Steve, and Leanne; as a teenager, she moved with her family to Eagle
8 Lake, and she graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1968 before
9 going on to attend Graceland College in Iowa; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1969, she was joined in matrimony to Samuel
11 Center, and the couple shared a fulfilling union that spanned more
12 than half a century; Ms. Center took great pride in her two
13 children, Brian and Leslie, and with the passing years, she had the
14 pleasure of seeing her family grow to include five grandchildren,
15 Riley, who preceded her in death, Mckinley, Gracyn, Kirby, and
16 Samantha; and

17 WHEREAS, Early in her marriage, Ms. Center worked for the
18 Eagle Lake Insurance Agency and as a night dispatcher for the City
19 of Eagle Lake Police Department; in 1982, she and her husband
20 purchased the Snack Center, where she provided delicious meals to
21 members of the community for many years; in addition, she was a
22 librarian at the Eula and David Wintermann Library for five years,
23 and she ultimately retired in 2004, after a decade as a purchaser
24 with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Texas Youth

1 Commission; and

2 WHEREAS, Above all else, Ms. Center was devoted to her
3 family, and she enjoyed spending time with her husband and
4 granddaughters, traveling with friends, hunting, and fishing; she
5 was also an avid quilter and made more than 100 quilts for her loved
6 ones; a woman of strong faith, she was a valued congregant of the
7 First Baptist Church of Cherokee, where she could often be found in
8 the nursery, singing in the choir, or lending a helping hand; and

9 WHEREAS, Wanda Center lived a full and generous life, and
10 those who held her dear will forever remember her with deep
11 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Wanda Smith Center
14 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be
15 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 Wanda
19 Center.