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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso lost a gifted musician and
2 educator with the death of Dr. Lucy Scarbrough on June 13, 2020, at
3 the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of New Mexico, the former Lucy Therese
5 Ardans studied piano at the American Conservatory of Music in
6 Chicago, where she earned numerous prizes and awards, and went on to
7 teach at Chicago Musical College and perform as a soloist with the
8 Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Evanston Symphony Orchestra; she
9 married Paul Scarbrough, and the couple shared many rewarding years
10 together before his passing in 2009; they first settled in
11 Albuquerque, where Dr. Scarbrough taught at St. Pius X High School,
12 established the Albuquerque Interparochial Choir, and served as
13 music director of the Albuquerque Light Opera Company; the couple
14 became the proud parents of four children, Paul, Mark, Sue Ann, and
15 Ginger, and through the years, Dr. Scarbrough was further blessed
16 with nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Scarbrough and her family eventually moved to El
18 Paso, where she spent the rest of her life; she was active as a
19 musical theater director, as the accompanist for the Antonio Triana
20 Flamenco Troupe, as the organist for St. Matthew Catholic Parish
21 and St. Patrick Cathedral, and as a founder of Opera a la Carte,
22 which eventually became the El Paso Opera Company; she was also
23 associated for many years with El Paso Community College, where she
24 touched the lives of thousands of students in the classroom and

1 established the EPCC Arts Festival, the El Paso Civic Orchestra,
2 and the El Paso Chopin Piano Festival; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Dr. Scarbrough was highly
4 acclaimed by critics and audiences alike for her powerful
5 performances at the piano, and she was recognized for her artistic
6 contributions by the president of the United States, the governor
7 of Texas, and the Vatican; her accolades include the Minnie Stevens
8 Piper Professor Award, the Burlington Resources Foundation
9 Teaching Award, the Hispanic Heritage Award, and the National
10 Teaching Excellence Award from The University of Texas at Austin,
11 among many others; and

12 WHEREAS, Lucy Scarbrough lived a rich and purposeful life
13 dedicated to sharing the gift of music, and she leaves behind a
14 legacy of achievement, artistry, and civic engagement that her
15 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Lucy Therese
18 Scarbrough and extend heartfelt sympathy to her relatives and many
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Lucy
23 Scarbrough.