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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Norma Lynn Knobel Hunt of Dallas, the beloved
2 matriarch of one of the most influential families in American
3 sports, passed away on June 4, 2023, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Edward and Loretta Knobel, the
5 former Norma Knobel was born in Greenville on March 28, 1938; she
6 graduated from Richardson High School, earned a secondary education
7 degree from North Texas State University, and taught history at
8 Richardson High; in 1963, she began dating Lamar Hunt, who had
9 founded the American Football League four years earlier; the couple
10 wed on January 22, 1964, and they shared more than 40 happy years
11 together before Mr. Hunt's death in 2006; they raised two sons,
12 Clark and Daniel, and Mrs. Hunt also took great pride in her five
13 grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hunt provided vital support to her husband as
15 he realized a series of important achievements in the sports world,
16 including the merger of the American and National Football Leagues
17 and the formation of World Championship Tennis and Major League
18 Soccer; at Mrs. Hunt's behest, the couple were founding investors
19 in the NBA's Chicago Bulls; above all, the Hunt name became
20 synonymous with the NFL and particularly with the Kansas City
21 Chiefs franchise, which Mr. Hunt established in 1963 by relocating
22 his Dallas-based AFL team to a new market; known as the First Lady
23 of Football, Mrs. Hunt attended all 57 Super Bowls to date,
24 starting with Kansas City's appearance in the inaugural 1967 title

1 contest and concluding with the 2023 Super Bowl, in which the Chiefs
2 claimed their third Lombardi Trophy; currently, her son Clark Hunt
3 is chair and CEO of the family-owned team; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply engaged in the community, Mrs. Hunt was a
5 prominent benefactor of the Dallas Museum of Art, and she supported
6 such entities as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Crystal Charity
7 Ball, and Park Cities Presbyterian Church; moreover, she was the
8 driving force in her family's acquisition of Bidwell Creek Vineyard
9 in California in 2000 and helped guide the development of its
10 award-winning wines; and

11 WHEREAS, Renowned for her generosity, her positive outlook,
12 and her abiding concern for others, Norma Hunt will be greatly
13 missed, but the passage of time will never diminish the joy and love
14 that she brought into the lives of all who knew her; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
18 of Norma Lynn Knobel Hunt and extend heartfelt condolences to the
19 members of her family: to her sons, Clark Hunt and his wife, Tavia,
20 and Daniel Hunt and his wife, Toni; to her brother, Edward Knobel
21 III, and his wife, Paula; to her niece, Amy Knobel; to her
22 grandchildren, Gracelyn, Knobel, Ava, Darlington, and Tennyson
23 Hunt; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
24 further

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