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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Katy lost an admired civic leader with  
2 the passing of Karon Kaye Tinsley Goolsby on June 19, 2023, at the  
3 age of 73; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Harold Tulsa "Tip" Tinsley and Sarah  
5 Johnette "Pete" Tinsley, the former Kaye Tinsley was born in  
6 Ruston, Louisiana, on April 3, 1950; she completed her bachelor's  
7 degree in business administration at Louisiana Tech University and  
8 married her college sweetheart, Gary B. Goolsby, on April 26, 1975;  
9 after living briefly in Houston, they settled in Katy in 1977; they  
10 became the proud parents of a son, Greg, and Mrs. Goolsby supported  
11 him in all his activities; she served at his schools in numerous  
12 capacities, from PTA officer to varsity football coordinator, and  
13 then benefited the entire Katy Independent School District as a  
14 member of its PTA Council and Partners in Education Advisory Board;  
15 she was also a member of the advisory team for Taylor High School,  
16 and alongside her husband, she became a Keystone Investor in the  
17 Katy ISD Education Foundation; and

18           WHEREAS, Mrs. Goolsby gave generously of her time and talents  
19 to numerous organizations, among them the Memorial Parkway  
20 Community Association, Houston Junior Forum, and the Business  
21 Steering Committee for Houston Community College; she chaired the  
22 Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee and led  
23 the chamber's Katy Day event during three legislative sessions;  
24 long active in the Republican Party, she provided invaluable

1 expertise to countless successful campaigns at the local, state,  
2 and national levels; she held a variety of key positions in such  
3 organizations as the Mason Creek Republican Women, West Houston  
4 Republican Women, and Greater Katy Area Republicans, and she was  
5 highly involved in the Texas Federation of Republican Women;  
6 eventually, she took prominent roles in the National Federation of  
7 Republican Women; she was honored in 2011 as one of the Top Ten  
8 Republican Women in Texas; along the way, she combined her passion  
9 for education and politics by arranging for students to meet public  
10 officials, making school presentations on the democratic system,  
11 and judging mock congressional hearings; and

12 WHEREAS, For over 40 years, Mrs. Goolsby was a pillar of  
13 First United Methodist Church of Katy, and she became its first  
14 female lay leader; above all, she was devoted to her family, which  
15 grew to include two treasured grandchildren, Preston and Avery; and

16 WHEREAS, The life of Kaye Goolsby stands as an inspiring  
17 example of civic engagement, and her contributions will be  
18 remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 1st  
20 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kaye Goolsby and  
21 extend sincere condolences to her family and many friends; and, be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
25 day, it do so in memory of Karon Kaye Tinsley Goolsby.