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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Clifford Anne Bigby Cozart of Fort Worth on December 2,
3 2022, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Fort Worth, Anne Cozart was born on
5 November 28, 1932, to Annie Farmer Bigby and Walter Clifford Bigby,
6 and she grew up with the companionship of two sisters, Mary Lynne
7 and Priscilla; after her graduation from North Side High School,
8 she attended North Texas State University and received a degree in
9 education; she would later earn a master's degree from Texas
10 Christian University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cozart began her teaching career at Denver
12 Avenue Elementary School, where she served for more than four
13 decades; throughout her tenure, she taught every elementary grade
14 level, as well as pre-K English as a Second Language classes; she
15 became the first female Castleberry ISD School Board member, a
16 position she held for 21 years, and she also served on the Texas
17 Association of School Boards; and

18 WHEREAS, After retiring from education, Mrs. Cozart
19 continued to serve the community as the district director for State
20 Representative Charlie Geren; additionally, she was a member of the
21 Northwest Tarrant, Saginaw Area, and Texas Tri-County Chambers of
22 Commerce; moreover, she worked to ensure the placement of smoke
23 alarms in area homes, earning her recognition as the Civilian Fire
24 Fighter of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cozart enjoyed many hobbies in her leisure
2 time, including gardening and flying airplanes; she was a proud
3 member of the Ninety-Nines, and she served on the Fort Worth
4 Aviation Advisory Board; a woman of faith, she was a devoted
5 congregant of River Oaks Baptist Church; in all her endeavors, she
6 enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Gene, with whom she
7 shared 66 years of marriage before his passing in 2019; she took
8 great pride in her three daughters, Genie, Deanna, and Angie, and
9 over the years, she had the pleasure of seeing her family grow to
10 include five grandchildren, Heath, Mitzi, Chris, Brandon, and
11 Brade; and

12 WHEREAS, Although she will be deeply missed, the passage of
13 time will never diminish the joy and love that Anne Cozart brought
14 into the lives of all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clifford Anne Bigby
17 Cozart and extend deepest condolences to her loved ones; and, be it
18 further

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