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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kimble County lost an esteemed civic leader with the
2 passing of Frederica Charlotte Burt Wyatt on October 31, 2021, at
3 the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of John Matt Burt Jr. and Bessie Lee
5 Allsup Burt, the former Frederica Burt was born on a ranch near
6 Telegraph in Kimble County on July 2, 1930, and grew up with four
7 siblings, Andrew, Fane, Britton, and Margaret; she graduated from
8 the Institute of Municipal Clerks at the University of North Texas
9 and became a registered professional assessor and a member of the
10 Board of Tax Professional Examiners; devoted to her family, she
11 shared a fulfilling marriage with her husband, Chevis R. Wyatt,
12 until his passing, and she was the proud mother of a daughter,
13 Charlotte; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wyatt began her career as secretary-bookkeeper
15 for the City of Junction; she was promoted to city secretary and
16 went on to become the city's first female mayor; following one term,
17 she returned to her job as city secretary; she further benefited her
18 community in a host of other leadership roles, including president
19 of the Junction Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the American
20 Legion Auxiliary No. 237, and the Hill Country City Secretaries
21 Association; the first woman to join the Junction Rotary Club, she
22 became its first female president, and she was named a Paul Harris
23 Fellow; moreover, she was very involved in bicentennial and
24 sesquicentennial celebrations; among other numerous accolades, she

1 was named the 1967 Mrs. Citizen, the 1985 Kimble County Citizen of
2 the Year, and the 1987 Texas City Secretary of the Year, and the
3 city designated July 16, 1994, as "Frederica Wyatt Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, When she retired after 39 years of public service,
5 Mrs. Wyatt dedicated herself to researching the community's
6 history and family genealogy; she was chair of the Kimble County
7 Historical Commission and drafted the text for every historical
8 marker in the county; in addition, she worked at the museum, oversaw
9 the Junction City Cemetery, volunteered with the Cemetery Aid
10 Society, and was a regent for the Daughters of the American
11 Revolution; a talented writer, she completed a chronicle of local
12 cemeteries and coauthored the book *Coke R. Stevenson: A Texas*
13 *Legend*; she also wrote a weekly column, *Meanderings*, for the
14 *Junction Eagle* and contributed to other newspapers and magazines as
15 well; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her family and her community,
17 Frederica Wyatt made a meaningful difference in the lives of her
18 loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and her contributions will be
19 remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frederica Charlotte
22 Burt Wyatt and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her
23 passing; and, be it further

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