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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Flora Loretta Solomon Reves on March 14, 2023, at the age
3 of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of James Elmer Solomon and Ellar Alda
5 Bertha Harbison Solomon, the former Loretta Solomon was born in
6 Chattanooga, Tennessee, on March 11, 1934; she grew up with a
7 brother, James, and a sister, Judy; after graduating from Graham
8 High School, she went on to earn both her bachelor's degree and
9 master's degree in education from the University of North Texas;
10 over the course of a career that spanned nearly four decades, she
11 taught English, literature, and journalism to elementary, high
12 school, and college students; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1965, she exchanged the vows of matrimony with
14 Orlandis Prentes "Patrick" Reves, and the couple enjoyed traveling
15 the world together; Mrs. Reves taught English and delivered Gideon
16 Bibles in China, studied art in Rome, and walked the halls of the
17 University of Cambridge in England; among other adventures, she was
18 chased by monkeys in India and mistakenly deported from Brazil to
19 Argentina; she and her husband shared a fulfilling relationship of
20 30 years until his passing; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reves was the devoted mother of two sons, Brian
22 and James, and through the years, she knew the joy of welcoming
23 three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren into her treasured
24 family; she was a woman of strong faith and a longtime member of Sar

1 Shalom/Prince of Peace, a Messianic Jewish congregation in
2 Arlington; and

3 WHEREAS, Although Loretta Reves will be deeply missed, she
4 has left her loved ones with a wealth of memories that they will
5 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
7 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Flora Loretta Solomon Reves and
8 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
9 sons, Judge James Wade Birdwell and his wife, Elizabeth, and State
10 Senator Brian Douglas Birdwell and his wife, Mel; to her
11 grandchildren, Nicholas, Alexandra and her husband, Zachary, and
12 Matthew and his wife, Ann Marie; to her great-grandchildren, Elijah
13 and Lily; to her sister, Judy Solomon Brown; to her niece, Deborah
14 Vasterling, and her son, Jonathan; and to her other relatives and
15 friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
18 day, it do so in memory of Loretta Reves.