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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a renowned attorney and 2 civic leader with the death of Susan Gay Morrison of Austin on July 3 11, 2025, at the age of 67; and WHEREAS, A native of San Angelo, Susan Morrison was born to 4 5 Eleanor and Herbert Morrison on February 14, 1958, and grew up sharing in the companionship of two siblings, Nancy and Richard; 6 7 she graduated from San Angelo Central High School and continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin and Baylor Law 8 School; while a student at UT, she worked with lawmakers and the 9 League of Women Voters to amend the state constitution to allow for 10 11 garnishment of wages of delinquent noncustodial parents, and voters 12 overwhelmingly approved the amendment in 1983; she began her career as an assistant general counsel for the Texas Education Agency and 13 14 served as an administrative law judge; after a long tenure in private practice, she became general counsel for the Texas School 15 16 for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and WHEREAS, Ms. Morrison was a member of numerous professional 17 associations and held many leadership roles, including president of 18 Texas Women Lawyers and the Travis County Women Lawyers' 19 Association; moreover, she served on the State Bar's Grievance 20 21 Committee for District 9, and she was a director of the Travis 22 County Bar Association; among other accolades, she was named a Life 23 Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; she benefited the wider

community as chair of the Travis County Fee Dispute Committee and a

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- 1 member of such bodies as the City of Austin Ethics Review Commission
- 2 and Mueller Airport Redevelopment Advisory Board; a former
- 3 president of the board of Communities in Schools, she helped
- 4 fundraise and advocate for services for at-risk students; she also
- 5 served as an election judge and as membership co-chair for the
- 6 Austin Area Board of the League of Women Voters; in addition, she
- 7 was very active in the Kiwanis Club and served as membership chair;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Morrison enjoyed the love
- 10 and support of her husband of 20 years, John King, and she took
- 11 great pride in her stepchildren, Jillian and Spencer; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Although Susan Morrison's passing has brought great
- 13 sorrow to those who loved her, her life was an inspiring example of
- 14 the good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 16 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 17 of Susan Gay Morrison and extend sincere condolences to all who
- 18 mourn her passing; and, be it 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 Susan
- 22 Morrison.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 159 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 3, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House