

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 Hays City Council member Dr. Alice Gayle Hudgens on
3 November 5, 2024, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of J. Don Hudgens and Evelyn Magrill
5 Hudgens, Gayle Hudgens was born in Artesia, New Mexico, on April 20,
6 1941; growing up in a military household that moved frequently, she
7 demonstrated resilience and a sense of curiosity that led to a
8 devotion to lifelong learning; after attending the University of
9 New Mexico, she continued her education at The University of Texas
10 at Austin, earning master's degrees in both Latin American studies
11 and library science, as well as a doctorate in educational
12 administration; she was a Ford Foundation Scholar and successfully
13 pursued further studies in sustainability and in business and
14 personal coaching; at the time of the Kennedy assassination in
15 1963, she was an assistant press secretary to Governor John
16 Connally; she later worked as a reference librarian for UT's Latin
17 American Collection and became a prolific author and scholar; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Hudgens was an ardent activist, engaging in the
19 founding of the North Texas Greens and the Emerging Public Issues
20 Corporation; she championed whistleblowing against government
21 corruption and reported on a radioactive landfill on the Mescalero
22 Apache Reservation in a seven-part newspaper series; dedicated to
23 her community, she was a regional registrar for the Daughters of the
24 American Revolution and wrote a gardening column for the *Hays Free*

1 Press in Hays County for many years; her love of nature extended to
2 a host of pets, including cats, dogs, and goats, and her spiritual
3 journey eventually culminated in her embrace of Quakerism; in all
4 her endeavors, she enjoyed the love and support of her husband of
5 more than four decades, Harvey Davis; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Gayle Hudgens is deeply missed, those she
7 left behind will continue to find inspiration in her warmth, zest
8 for knowledge, and commitment to fostering peace, health, and
9 happiness for all; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Alice Gayle
12 Hudgens and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
13 her husband, Harvey L. Davis Jr.; to her children, Hal Watson III
14 and his wife, Nancy, and Amy Logan; to her stepson, Robert Davis; to
15 her grandchildren, Brett, Wendy, and Ross Watson and Vaughan Logan;
16 and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gayle
20 Hudgens.

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H.R. No. 522

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 522 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House