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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Mary Jane Hamilton of Allen on April 26,
3 2024, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Pat and Lucy Hamilton, MJ Hamilton
5 was born in Denton on October 24, 1944, and she grew up with the
6 companionship of a younger brother, Jim; after graduating from
7 Denton Senior High School in 1962, she earned a bachelor's degree
8 from Texas Christian University and a master's degree in education
9 from the University of North Texas; she then went on to obtain
10 administration certificates and to become a licensed professional
11 counselor; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of a 30-year tenure with the
13 Arlington Independent School District, Ms. Hamilton was an
14 elementary school teacher, counselor, associate psychologist, and
15 staff development coordinator, and she also worked with special
16 education students; and

17 WHEREAS, Active in the Texas Retired Teachers Association,
18 Ms. Hamilton served on various committees and in numerous
19 leadership roles at the local, district, and state levels; she
20 ultimately joined the TRTA staff, planning state conventions and
21 events; in recognition of her efforts, she was posthumously honored
22 with the E. L. Galyean Award by TRTA in 2025; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamilton further benefited her community as a
24 board member of the Allen Heritage Guild, All Community Outreach,

1 and the Allen Public Library, and she held leadership positions
2 with such organizations as the Allen chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
3 Society International and the Scarlet O'Hatters of Allen chapter of
4 the Red Hat Society; and

5 WHEREAS, In her leisure time, Ms. Hamilton enjoyed
6 traveling, reading, and attending musicals, both in Dallas and in
7 New York City; a woman of devout faith, she grew up and was baptized
8 in the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, and she most
9 recently attended Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco; and

10 WHEREAS, MJ Hamilton lived a caring and purposeful life, and
11 she will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by all
12 who held her close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Jane Hamilton
15 and extend sincere condolences to her many relatives and friends;
16 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
20 MJ Hamilton.