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R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Dale Susan Eastman of Houston, a staunch advocate  
2 for breast cancer patients, passed away on April 16, 2025, at the  
3 age of 84; and

4        WHEREAS, Born on February 15, 1941, Dale Eastman was 49 years  
5 old when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer, an experience  
6 that drove her to dedicate the rest of her life to supporting all  
7 those affected by the disease; in 1992, she partnered with three  
8 other breast cancer survivors to found the Alamo Breast Cancer  
9 Foundation; under her able leadership, the organization saw  
10 significant growth, offering screening and financial assistance, a  
11 resource helpline, educational programs, and research funding, as  
12 well as conducting legislative advocacy work; the foundation joined  
13 the board of the National Breast Cancer Coalition as a member  
14 organization in 1994; and

15        WHEREAS, Mrs. Eastman was deeply involved in NBCC, where she  
16 served on the board of directors for two decades; in 1997, she  
17 became a Texas field coordinator and began managing the Texas  
18 Action Network, and in 2003, she was one of the first to be invited  
19 to join the organization's network of team leaders; in addition,  
20 she served as chair of advocacy and government relations for the  
21 Alamo group, and she represented NBCC at the White House; and

22        WHEREAS, A champion for breast cancer awareness,  
23 Mrs. Eastman helped to establish the Patient Advocate Program at  
24 the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, ensuring that trained

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1 activists were involved in one of the most important gatherings of  
2 breast cancer researchers; she also worked directly with lawmakers  
3 at the state and federal levels to expand access to medical services  
4 and to alleviate health care costs for patients; her numerous other  
5 affiliations included the advisory board of the National Institute  
6 of Environmental Health Sciences, the Breast Cancer and the  
7 Environment Working Group, and the National Institutes of Health  
8 Collaborative Summit on Breast Cancer Research; and

9 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Eastman enjoyed the love  
10 and support of her husband, Dr. Harry Eastman, with whom she shared  
11 a rewarding marriage that spanned nearly six decades; she took  
12 great pride in their three children, Andy, Brad, and Robin, and over  
13 the years, she had the pleasure of welcoming into her family five  
14 grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Dale Eastman impacted countless lives through her  
16 efforts in behalf of individuals with breast cancer, and her  
17 integrity, determination, and compassion will remain a lasting  
18 source of inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know her;  
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dale Susan Eastman  
22 and extend heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends; and,  
23 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 Dale  
27 Eastman.