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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Mount Pleasant lost two beloved  
2 neighbors with the untimely deaths of Dr. John M. Ellis and his  
3 wife, Lucille Ellis, both of whom passed away on December 21, 2006;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Born on June 1, 1917, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
6 John Ellis graduated from Texas A&M University in 1939 and went on  
7 to serve his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army  
8 Medical Corps; in December 1942, he opened a private practice in  
9 Mount Pleasant, where he became known for his compassionate and  
10 integral approach to medicine and for his refusal to turn patients  
11 away, regardless of their ability to pay; in addition to his  
12 practice, he was instrumental in developing the Titus Regional  
13 Medical District, which he served as a member of its board of  
14 directors, and he also distinguished himself as interim  
15 administrator of the hospital during his career; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis gained national attention for his  
17 extensive research on the benefits of vitamin B6, the findings of  
18 which he published in five books; he retired on the 50th anniversary  
19 of his first day of business, discarding for good the records of his  
20 overdue accounts; and

21           WHEREAS, The former Lucille Haenni was born on September 18,  
22 1920, in St. Louis, Missouri, where she developed a talent for art  
23 at a young age; she went on to train as a commercial artist at the  
24 Hadley Vocational School and subsequently studied life drawing at

1 Washington University; some of her earliest work included fashion  
2 illustrations that were featured in *Harper's Bazaar*, *Mademoiselle*,  
3 and *Vogue* magazines; and

4 WHEREAS, Following her marriage to Dr. Ellis in the late  
5 1940s, Lucy Ellis remained a self-employed commercial artist, while  
6 also fulfilling her role as a dedicated homemaker; in 1977, she was  
7 instrumental in founding the Mount Pleasant Art Society, which she  
8 continued to serve as a trustee, and she also taught a weekly  
9 painting class in the community for many years; moreover, she was a  
10 signature member of the Southwestern Water Color Society, which  
11 honored her with its Merchant's Award in September 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, Devoted parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ellis  
13 were blessed with four children, Jeff, Gina, Joan, and John, 11  
14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and the couple were  
15 valued members of First Christian Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. John Ellis made a positive difference in the  
17 lives of innumerable people as a caring medical practitioner, and  
18 the artistic gifts of Lucy Ellis served as an inspiration to many  
19 area artists; although both will be deeply missed, they will long be  
20 remembered with great affection for their meaningful  
21 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby honor the lives of Dr. John M. Ellis and Lucille Ellis and  
24 extend sincere sympathy to the members of their family: to their  
25 sons, Jeff Ellis and his wife, Nan, and John Ellis and his wife,  
26 Jane; to their daughters, Joan Roberts and her husband, Charlie,  
27 and Gina Baldwin; to their grandchildren, Charlie Roberts, Jr.,

1 Candace Woolard, Tyler Roberts, Jason, Jeremy, Lauren, and Clayton  
2 Ellis, Jimmy Baldwin, Rynee Rohloff, Alison Stutzman, and Adriane  
3 May; to their great-grandchildren, Noah Stutzman, Zachary Rohloff,  
4 and Brayden Woolard; and to their other relatives and friends; and,  
5 be it further

6         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the members of their family and that when the Texas  
8 House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in  
9 memory of John and Lucille Ellis.