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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were saddened by the passing of
2 Phyllis Keidel of Kerrville on September 7, 2006, yet the memory of
3 her full and rewarding life may offer a measure of comfort in their
4 time of loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 17, 1921, in Geraldine, Montana, to H.
6 Rhea Elwell and Edith Rebecca Foster Elwell, Mrs. Keidel was a
7 descendant of a pioneer family who homesteaded in that state; as a
8 child, she lived with her family in the Iowa towns of Waterloo and
9 Grinnell; and

10 WHEREAS, The former Phyllis Elwell exchanged wedding vows
11 with Dr. Robert Pfeiffer Keidel on July 11, 1942, in a ceremony held
12 in Kansas City, Missouri, and the couple shared nearly three
13 decades of marriage until his passing in 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, A respected resident of Kerrville and congregant of
15 St. Peter's Episcopal Church since 1961, Mrs. Keidel worked for the
16 Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library and the City of Kerrville
17 following the death of her husband; she was a charter member and the
18 first elected president of the Republican Women of Kerr County and
19 hosted the initial local Republican primary for her precinct in her
20 living room; and

21 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by all who knew her,
22 Phyllis Keidel brought a generosity of spirit and an unflinching
23 integrity to all her endeavors, and she built a life that was
24 remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Phyllis Keidel and
4 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
5 daughters, Phyllis Ann Burkett and Connie Mayes and her husband,
6 Sam; to her sons, Robert Kurt Keidel and his wife, Darlene, and
7 Richard Rhea Keidel; to her twin sister, Lois Vakos; to her brother,
8 Richard Elwell and his wife, Susan; to her grandchildren, Diana
9 Kimberly, Joseph Burkett IV, Brent Mayes, Amanda Mayes, Robert
10 Keidel, CeCe Thompson, Gretchen Rogers, and Comfort Keidel; to her
11 nine great-grandchildren; and to all who mourn the passing of this
12 beloved woman; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phyllis
16 Keidel.