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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Franne R. Michaels of Houston, a dedicated teacher,
2 wife, and mother, passed away on April 11, 2007, and memories of her
3 warmth, strength, and courage remain to comfort her many loved
4 ones; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia, Franne Michaels graduated cum
6 laude from the University of Utah in 1977 with a bachelor's degree
7 in elementary education; she went on to build a distinguished
8 30-year career as a teacher, including nearly two decades with the
9 Houston Independent School District; and

10 WHEREAS, Admired and respected by students and colleagues
11 alike, Ms. Michaels was known for going above and beyond the call of
12 duty; she strived to teach critical thinking and life skills in
13 addition to facts and figures, and she designed and implemented
14 professional development and instructional technology for her
15 fellow educators; in 2001, she earned her master's degree in
16 education from Houston Baptist University; and

17 WHEREAS, She married Rabbi Mathew Michaels on July 9, 1978,
18 and the couple were blessed with four children, Mara, Martin,
19 Melinda, and Benjamin; devoted to her family, Ms. Michaels also
20 loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending summers at Greene Family
21 Camp; and

22 WHEREAS, Franne Michaels inspired countless people with her
23 commitment to education and with the graceful spirit in which she
24 faced the challenges she met; although her time here was far too

1 brief, the legacy of her life and work will long endure in the
2 hearts of all those whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Franne R. Michaels and
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband
6 of 28 years, Rabbi Mathew Michaels; to her children, Mara Braunfeld
7 and her husband, Daniel, and Martin, Melinda, and Benjamin
8 Michaels; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Franne
13 Michaels.