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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Judith Ann Francis of Waco
2 on December 31, 2008, has brought a profoundly felt loss to her
3 family members and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 25, 1944, in Fort Worth, the former
5 Judith Witt graduated from Houston High School and earned a
6 bachelor's degree from Baylor University, where she was active in
7 the CHI'S Service Sorority; she went on to pursue a career in
8 education with her alma mater, teaching English at the university
9 for 30 years; and

10 WHEREAS, A valued member of the First Presbyterian Church in
11 Waco, Mrs. Francis served the congregation as a deacon and elder,
12 and she enjoyed the fellowship of the First Ladies Bible Study; she
13 further shared her time with the Gospel Cafe, Committee on
14 Ministries for Grace Presbytery, and Caritas Ministries, which she
15 served as a member of the board and as secretary; and

16 WHEREAS, Her volunteerism also extended to the Baylor
17 chapters of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and CHI'S Service Sorority, and
18 to the Development Council of Texas A&M University's College of
19 Veterinary Medicine; and

20 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Francis was dedicated to her
21 family, and she enjoyed more than four decades of marriage with her
22 beloved husband, Dan Francis; and

23 WHEREAS, The life of Judith Ann Francis was characterized by
24 her devotion to helping others, and the memory of her kindness and

1 generosity will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all
2 those whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judith Ann Francis and
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
6 husband, Dan Francis; to her sister, Sharon Lyles, and her husband,
7 Gary; to her sister-in-law, Ann Joseph; to her niece, Sally Joseph;
8 to her nephews, Craig Lyles and Earnest Joseph; to her special
9 friend, Jerrie Callan; and to her other relatives and many friends;
10 and, be it further

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