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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of Margaret Caroline Hussmann of El Paso
2 was all too brief, but this brave and irrepressible young lady
3 filled her days and countless hearts with joy, love, and laughter
4 before her passing on January 24, 2009, at the age of 15; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Hussmann was born in El Paso on May 13, 1993, to
6 Amy and Harry Hussmann; she attended Polk Elementary School and
7 Hornedo Middle School before going on to Franklin High School,
8 where she excelled in volleyball and basketball; in addition, the
9 athletic youngster played with the El Paso Wildfire Volleyball Club
10 and was a member of the regional High Performance Junior Olympic
11 Pipeline team; her warm, outgoing personality and sense of humor
12 brought her many friends, who joined her family in fond indulgence
13 of the self-identified "rock star" in their midst; and

14 WHEREAS, When she received a terminal diagnosis, Ms. Hussmann
15 revealed her true star quality; she made it her mission to have all
16 the fun she possibly could in the time that remained to her, and she
17 drew family and friends along in her adventures; moreover, she
18 allowed the *El Paso Times* to chronicle her journey, touching many
19 lives with her courage and determination to enjoy every moment; her
20 mother helped her create a list of things she most wanted to
21 experience, and her friends and family members joined her in
22 activities that ranged from getting henna tattoos and baking
23 cookies to an exciting trip to New York and a helicopter ride; and

24 WHEREAS, Her unflagging optimism was a blessing to those she

1 loved, and Margaret Hussmann also reached out to share it with
2 others; she wrote a book for younger children facing serious
3 illness and titled it *Hope Is Here*; her mottos were "twice as
4 strong" and "never a dull moment," and as she embodied those
5 sentiments, she inspired people across the country, allowing them
6 to be part of her celebration of life; in tribute, residents of El
7 Paso held a parade for her and Hospice El Paso is naming its
8 education auditorium "Margaret's Room"; and

9 WHEREAS, Margaret Hussmann is deeply missed by those who held
10 her dear, and she is mourned by the thousands in El Paso and across
11 the country who came to admire her; however, though tears may still
12 fall, the many funny stories, sweet memories, and profound lessons
13 she left behind will forever serve as a reminder to rejoice in each
14 day; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margaret Hussmann and
17 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
18 parents, Amy and Harry Hussmann; to her twin brother, Calder
19 Hussmann, and her older brother, Robert Hussmann; to her
20 grandparents, Tom Hussmann and Sonja Arnold Boone; to her aunts,
21 Alice White and her husband, Mike, and Anne Mitchell and her
22 husband, Mark; and to her other relatives and host of 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 Margaret
27 Caroline Hussmann.