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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Angleton are mourning the loss of
2 esteemed educator Frances Chalmers, whose untimely passing on
3 December 16, 2008, at the age of 62, has left a void in the lives of
4 all who knew and loved her; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on September 6, 1946, Frances Chalmers grew up
6 in Tyler and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in
7 1968; she subsequently moved to Angleton, where she began her
8 career as a middle school English teacher, a position in which she
9 would serve for more than three decades; she was known for her love
10 of children, her quick wit, and her ability to reach all students;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to her work in the classroom, Mrs.
13 Chalmers contributed to the school community through her leadership
14 of the English department, her organization of the annual Brazoria
15 County Spelling Bee, and her regular attendance at sporting events;
16 moreover, she drew on her Jewish heritage to teach lessons on the
17 Holocaust and served as a resource to the Angleton High School choir
18 when they performed traditional Hebrew songs; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chalmers remained involved in the school
20 district after her retirement, serving as a substitute teacher and
21 a volunteer; she often encountered former students, whom she called
22 her "kids," and delighted in hearing about the course of their
23 lives; in May 2008, she entered public service, following her
24 election to the Angleton Independent School District Board of

1 Trustees; and

2 WHEREAS, Frances Chalmers benefited countless people with
3 her guidance, generosity, and thoughtfulness, and although she is
4 deeply missed, she will long be remembered by those who were
5 privileged to share in the warmth of her love and friendship; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frances Chalmers and
9 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
10 husband, Eddie Chalmers; to her children, Sam Chalmers and his
11 wife, Jill, and Hanna Chalmers; and to her other relatives and many
12 friends; 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 Frances
16 Chalmers.