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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The city of Richardson lost an admired civic leader
2 and volunteer in 2011 with the death of Dorothy Edna Schulte
3 McCalpin at the age of 86; and
4   WHEREAS, Born on December 20, 1924, in St. Louis, Missouri,
5 to William Bernard Schulte and Edna M. McBride, Dot Schulte
6 attended Webster College in St. Louis while her sweetheart, George
7 Ambrose McCalpin, was serving his country in the United States
8 military during World War II; she earned a bachelor's degree in
9 English in 1947, and the couple were married the following year;
10 they then settled in Beaumont, where the couple's six children,
11 Peggy, Tricia, Jim, Bill, John, and Michael, were born; and
12   WHEREAS, In 1965, Mr. McCalpin, a geophysicist, was
13 transferred to Richardson, and the family relocated to the city
14 Mrs. McCalpin would call home for more than 45 years; she devoted
15 herself to her family, serving as a Girl Scout leader, a den mother,
16 and a PTA president, and she learned speech therapy in order to help
17 one of her children overcome a speech defect; moreover, she taught
18 hundreds of Richardson children swimming and lifesaving skills at
19 public pools; and
20   WHEREAS, Mrs. McCalpin later began taking photography
21 courses, and with the encouragement of her husband she pursued a
22 career in that field; a member of the Professional Photographers of
23 America for more than 20 years, she served as president of both the
24 Dallas and Texas chapters of the organization; she worked as a

1 wedding and portrait photographer and also took many pictures of

2 local leaders in Richardson; and

3   WHEREAS, A tireless champion of her community, Mrs. McCalpin

4 served more than a decade on the Richardson parks and recreation and

5 zoning boards, and she was instrumental in the success of the city's

6 Wildflower Arts and Music Festival and Great Fountain Festival and

7 the construction of the fountain and the brick memorial walk at City

8 Hall; she held leadership roles in nearly every civic and community

9 club in Richardson with female members, including local chapters of

10 the Junior League, Rotary International, and YMCA, as well as the

11 Altrusa International volunteer association; her long list of civic

12 responsibilities further included service as a board member of the

13 Network of Community Ministries and the Richardson Adult Literacy

14 Center, as president of the Friends of the Richardson Public

15 Library, and as a founding member of St. Mark the Evangelist

16 Catholic Church in Plano, and she also assisted numerous other

17 organizations and initiatives; and

18   WHEREAS, Mrs. McCalpin was deservedly named Citizen of the

19 Year by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce in 1990, and the city

20 proclaimed her 80th birthday "Dot McCalpin Day" in 2004; in

21 addition, the Friends of the Richardson Public Library have created

22 a scholarship in her honor; and

23   WHEREAS, This spirited Texan gave generously of herself

24 throughout her life, and although she will be deeply missed, she

25 will forever be remembered with great affection by those who were

26 privileged to share in her love and friendship; now, therefore, be

27 it

1   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
3 of Dorothy Edna Schulte McCalpin and extend sincere sympathy to the
4 members of her family: to her husband, George; to her daughters,
5 Peggy Clark and her husband, Joe, and Tricia Stefanko and her
6 husband, Ed; to her sons, Jim McCalpin, Bill McCalpin and his wife,
7 Chris, John McCalpin, and Michael McCalpin and his wife, Julie; to
8 her grandchildren, Erin, Kevin, Allison, Nicholas, Amy, Alex,
9 Matthew, Kenneth, Reid, and Eleanor; and to her other relatives and
10 many friends; 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 Dot
14 McCalpin.