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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Susan Diane Jackson, who passed away on June 12,
2 2010, at the age of 59, lived life with a joy and grace that
3 transcended every challenge and that called forth the best in
4 everyone she met; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on September 26, 1950, and raised in Carrizo
6 Springs, Diane Jackson graduated from Southwest Texas State
7 University in 1972, earned a master's degree from Sul Ross State
8 University in 1976, and was awarded her doctor of education degree
9 by Texas A&M University in 1987; four years later, she completed
10 postgraduate work at the University of Houston, where she served as
11 an adjunct professor of education; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson taught in San Antonio and Eagle Pass
13 before spending the remaining 30 years of her career with the Spring
14 Branch Independent School District; in the SBISD she held a number
15 of different posts and served most recently as executive director
16 for policy administration and governmental relations; she was a
17 founding member of the Texas School Alliance and a forceful
18 advocate for the schoolchildren of Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, During her tenure with the SBISD, Dr. Jackson
20 organized innumerable field trips to the State Capitol, in order
21 for students to observe legislative proceedings and meet with
22 representatives and state senators; she also encouraged students to
23 seek legislative internships and supported them in that effort; and

24 WHEREAS, Profoundly engaged in the world around her, Dr.

1 Jackson was an avid traveler; she reveled in exploring the culture
2 and history of the countries she visited and developed a special
3 affinity for Italy and China; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator was affiliated with a number
5 of professional organizations and served in an advisory capacity
6 with the colleges of education at both Texas A&M and the University
7 of Houston; in addition, she was an alumna of Leadership Houston and
8 Leadership Texas, a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and
9 Rodeo Association, and a member and former president of the
10 Memorial--Spring Branch Rotary Club; she also held membership in
11 the Texas A&M former students association and the 12th Man
12 Foundation; and

13 WHEREAS, For her outstanding service in behalf of Texas
14 students, Dr. Jackson was recognized in 2009 with membership in the
15 Dean's Roundtable, an honor conferred by the Texas A&M University
16 College of Education and Human Development; in May 2010, the SBISD
17 also paid tribute to her stellar professional contributions with
18 the creation of the Diane Jackson Scholarship; and

19 WHEREAS, The passion and generosity of spirit that Diane
20 Jackson brought to every endeavor endeared her deeply to all who
21 knew her, and she will be forever treasured by those who were
22 blessed to share in her love and affection; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Susan Diane
25 Jackson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family:
26 to her sisters, Carla Anne Jackson, Jennifer Davis, Marcia Leigh
27 Rowland, and Mary Elizabeth Roberts; to her brother-in-law, Larry

1 Roberts; to her nieces, Christine Rowland, Alexandria Davis, and
2 Liesel Roberts; to her close friend and companion, Richard Cole;
3 and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Susan
7 Diane Jackson.