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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The death of Susan Bright of Austin on December 29,  
2 2010, has brought a great loss to the family and friends of this  
3 admired poet, publisher, and activist; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Pennsylvania, Susan Safford Bright was  
5 the daughter of William and Ann Bright; she studied at Stanford  
6 University and embarked on a literary career, founding Plain View  
7 Press in 1975; it has released more than 350 titles, including many  
8 by Texas authors; as publisher and editor, Ms. Bright mentored  
9 countless writers, who cherished her advice and kind encouragement;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Ms. Bright inspired a host of readers through her 19  
12 collections of verse; she won three Austin Book Awards and received  
13 the Violet Crown Award from the Writers' League of Texas for *Tirades*  
14 and *Evidence of Grace*; her poetry was published in England by  
15 Longram and the Poetry Business Press; and

16           WHEREAS, For decades, Ms. Bright ardently supported the  
17 environment, peace, and women's issues; she helped organize  
18 conferences, workshops, and such events as the Women's Way  
19 Festival, and she gave generously of her time and talents to the  
20 Coalition for Visible Ballots and the National Ballot Integrity  
21 Project, among other organizations; moreover, she worked  
22 tirelessly to protect Barton Springs, where she swam laps  
23 year-round; she served on the board of the Save Barton Creek  
24 Association and advocated for the springs at city council meetings,

1 where she sometimes recited poems about the beloved Austin  
2 landmark; in 1990, the Texas Women's Political Caucus gave her its  
3 Woman of the Year Award; and

4 WHEREAS, This vibrant Texan was the devoted wife of John  
5 Andrews and the proud mother of Daryl Bright Andrews; her warmth and  
6 generosity endeared her to a vast network of friends around the  
7 country; and

8 WHEREAS, Susan Bright made a lasting impact in the lives of  
9 countless people through her dedication to literature and to myriad  
10 worthy causes, and those who were privileged to share in her love  
11 and affection will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Susan Bright and  
15 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
16 husband, John Andrews; to her son, Daryl Bright Andrews; and to her  
17 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Susan  
21 Bright.