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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Frances Gail Sears of Kerrville, who passed away on December 31,  
4 2010, at the age of 75; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Gail Sears was born on  
6 November 12, 1935, to Frances and Hugh McWilliams; she graduated  
7 from Tivy High School and majored in drama at The University of  
8 Texas at Austin, where she met her husband, Michael Edwin Sears; the  
9 couple shared 54 years together and were blessed with two  
10 daughters, Kathy and Kari; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Sears was active in her children's education  
12 and dedicated to improving life for area youth; in addition to  
13 serving as president of the Notre Dame Catholic School Board, she  
14 was a valued member of the PTA, and she volunteered to drive a bus so  
15 that West Kerr County students could attend school in Kerrville;  
16 she also helped to found the Community Service Council, a group that  
17 teaches dance and drama to disadvantaged children, and served as a  
18 liaison for the March of Dimes, driving her own car to transport  
19 young patients and their parents to San Antonio; and

20           WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, Mrs. Sears began teaching an  
21 exercise class for her friends at Holy Cross Lutheran Church;  
22 discovering a passion for health and fitness, she went on to found  
23 Gail's Aerobic Lifestyle, offering classes at the Municipal  
24 Auditorium; she later opened her own storefront, the Center for

1 Fitness, or "Gail's Place," as it was known by many, which was  
2 expanded to include another location in 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sears earned certifications from the Cooper  
4 Institute, American Council on Exercise, and Ron Fletcher Program  
5 of Study for Pilates; known for her expertise and enthusiasm, she  
6 developed workout programs for employees at local businesses and  
7 conducted seminars for area firefighters and law enforcement  
8 officers; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the years, she was awarded a number of  
10 accolades for her efforts to enrich her community, including the  
11 titles of Woman of the Year from the Kerr County Women's Chamber of  
12 Commerce and Hill Country Life Treasure from the *Kerrville Daily*  
13 *Times*; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sears treasured her faith and served the Rite  
15 of Christian Initiation of Adults as a lector, sponsor, and choir  
16 member; she also shared her time with the Catholic Youth  
17 Organization and Marriage Encounter, participated in liturgical  
18 dance, and taught Sunday school; in her free time, she enjoyed  
19 gardening and painting as well as making props, sewing costumes,  
20 and acting in performances produced by the Hill Country Arts  
21 Foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, Although the death of Gail Sears has brought great  
23 sorrow to those who loved her, she demonstrated what a positive  
24 difference one committed individual can make in the lives of  
25 others, and she will long be remembered with deep admiration and  
26 affection; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frances Gail Sears  
2 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
3 husband, Eddie Sears; to her daughters, Kathy Hall and her husband,  
4 Charles, and Kari Morrison and her husband, Robert; to her  
5 grandsons, Townsend and Raleigh Morrison; to her sisters, Sandra  
6 Hunt and her husband, Jim, and Karen Raymond; and to her other  
7 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frances  
11 Gail Sears.