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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 Hope Wilson Huffman of San Angelo, who passed away on March 29,  
4 2010, at the age of 49; and

5           WHEREAS, This seventh-generation Texan could trace her  
6 family lineage back to members of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three  
7 Hundred and to German settlers who helped to establish the town of  
8 Gruene; born in San Angelo on February 5, 1961, to Duncan  
9 C. O. Wilson, Jr., and Patricia Hope Wilson, Ms. Huffman graduated  
10 from Central High School in 1979; she went on to attend The  
11 University of Texas, where she earned a bachelor of science degree  
12 in speech and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority; and

13           WHEREAS, Keenly interested in politics, Ms. Huffman worked  
14 for Senator John Tower after college and then for President Ronald  
15 Reagan's 1984 reelection campaign; following President Reagan's  
16 victory, she received an appointment in the U.S. Department of  
17 Agriculture, and she later returned to Austin to work for Karl  
18 Rove's political consulting firm; and

19           WHEREAS, Hope Huffman and her husband, James, were joined in  
20 matrimony on November 14, 1987; they shared a loving relationship  
21 and were blessed with two daughters, Grace and Virginia; the family  
22 made its home in the Santa Rita neighborhood of San Angelo, where  
23 Ms. Huffman enjoyed the company of many lifelong friends; active in  
24 the community, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and

1 she volunteered her time with a number of organizations, including  
2 the Humane Society of Tom Green County, the San Angelo Symphony, and  
3 the West Texas Rehabilitation Center; Ms. Huffman also served as a  
4 director of the Upper Colorado River Authority from 1999 until her  
5 passing; and

6 WHEREAS, An avid naturalist and land conservationist, Hope  
7 Huffman loved being outdoors, and she especially enjoyed working on  
8 her Coralina Ranch, which had been in her family since 1885; side by  
9 side with her husband, she devoted countless hours of effort to  
10 improving the land, and she also continued to care for her father's  
11 cherished pecan orchard; an expert markswoman, she had a great  
12 passion for hunting as well as traveling, and she went on memorable  
13 safaris to places such as Africa, New Zealand, and Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, Hope Huffman possessed a zest for life and a  
15 generosity of spirit that brightened the world for all around her,  
16 and those who were privileged to share in her love and affection  
17 will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Hope Wilson Huffman  
20 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
21 husband, James Gordon Huffman, Jr.; to her daughters, Grace Wilson  
22 Huffman and Virginia Lynn Huffman; to her brother and  
23 sister-in-law, Cam and Lydia Wilson; to her nephews, Nick and Max  
24 Wilson; to her mother-in-law, Kathleen Porter; and to her other  
25 relatives and friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hope  
2 Huffman.