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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson Herman of Austin passed away on May
2 9, 2011, at the age of 93, leaving her circle of family and friends
3 to cherish their many happy memories of time spent in her company;
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5 WHEREAS, Born on January 25, 1918, in Palacios, the former
6 Margaret Johnson was the daughter of Guy and Tenna Johnson; she had
7 many happy recollections of her childhood growing up on a farm,
8 playing with her friends and seven siblings, riding a horse to
9 school, and augmenting the family's finances by driving a makeshift
10 school bus at the age of 14; and

11 WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson married Gilbert S. Herman before
12 the beginning of World War II, and the couple raised a daughter,
13 Anne, and five sons, Nick, Wayne, Guy, Mike, and Craig, while
14 traveling throughout Texas and to postwar Germany and Japan for Mr.
15 Herman's military career; ultimately they settled in Corpus
16 Christi, where their home became an unofficial headquarters for
17 countless teenage boys, who appreciated the wisdom, patience, good
18 humor, and savory meals provided by Mrs. Herman; and

19 WHEREAS, This working mother became proficient in
20 computerized office management during her career with General
21 Export Iron and Metal, and she was so highly valued that when the
22 original owners sold the business, it was a condition of the sale
23 that Mrs. Herman retain her job until her retirement; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Herman maintained an active lifestyle in her

1 later years, mowing her yard, sharing the bounty of a large garden,
2 and teaching a senior aerobics class at Aldersgate United Methodist
3 Church, all well into her 80s; she was involved in the lives of her
4 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, and during the
5 years she lived with her children and their families, she enjoyed
6 gardening, crossword puzzles, political discussions, and attending
7 Ballet Austin performances and sporting events at The University of
8 Texas and at her grandchildren's schools; and

9 WHEREAS, Beloved for her warmth, kindness, and generous
10 spirit, Margaret Herman enriched immeasurably the lives of her
11 family and many friends, and they will forever hold her close in
12 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margaret Johnson
15 Herman and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
16 to her children and their spouses, Anne and Brian Harrison, Nick and
17 Dee Herman, the Honorable Guy Herman and Lynn Blais, Michael and
18 Teresa Herman, and Craig and Jan Herman; to her daughter-in-law,
19 Elaine Herman; to her brothers, Ballard Johnson and his wife,
20 Louise, and Mack Johnson and his wife, Adeen; to her grandchildren
21 and great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and friends;
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Margaret
26 Herman.