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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rewarding life filled with meaningful
2 achievements drew to a close with the passing of Claudia Ball on
3 March 9, 2011, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Claudia Abbey was born to Elizabeth
5 Hudspeth Abbey and William Campbell Abbey on November 5, 1930, in El
6 Paso; her family spent a number of years in Hartford, Connecticut,
7 during her childhood before settling in San Antonio, and she
8 graduated from St. Mary's Hall in 1948, where she was superior
9 senior class president; she went on to further her education at
10 Vassar College and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, While serving as a duchess for the Order of the Alamo
13 during the San Antonio Fiesta of 1953, she became acquainted with
14 her future husband, T. Armour Ball; the couple enjoyed a rewarding
15 relationship until Mr. Ball passed away in 1990, and they raised two
16 children, William Armour Ball, who preceded his parents in death,
17 and Mary Alice Ball Strunk; and

18 WHEREAS, A woman of many interests and talents, Mrs. Ball was
19 an avid golfer who was champion of the San Antonio Country Club
20 Women's Golf Club for several years and was president, treasurer,
21 and director of the Texas State Golf Association; she was also
22 active with the Institute of Texan Cultures, and held leadership
23 roles with the Texas Folklife Festival; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ball was equally devoted to ranching, which she

1 first learned to love while spending time on her grandparents'
2 Hudspeth River Ranch as a child; her later stewardship of the
3 property allowed her to assist in the development of conservation
4 practices, and a teaching program established at the ranch hosted
5 students from three state universities; in recognition of her
6 efforts, she was named Conservation Rancher of the Year in 1983; her
7 love of the outdoors was further reflected in her hobby of hunting,
8 and she pursued birds and other quarry in locations around the
9 globe; and

10 WHEREAS, Claudia Ball found time for many other activities in
11 the course of her life, but she especially loved spending time in
12 the company of her grandchildren and cheering on the San Antonio
13 Spurs; the enthusiasm she brought to each of her endeavors was an
14 inspiration to all who had the good fortune to know her, and she
15 will be fondly remembered and deeply missed; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Claudia Ball and
18 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
19 daughter, Mary Alice Ball Strunk, and her husband, William Robert
20 "Billy Bob" Strunk; to her grandchildren, William Armour Strunk,
21 Sarah Campbell Strunk, and Claudia Abbey Strunk; to her
22 daughter-in-law, Kathleen Curry; to her dear friends, JoAnn Andera,
23 Mourette Boehme, Sandy and Brenda Atherton, Mark and Stephanie
24 Alsup, and Fidencia Castillo; and to all who mourn her passing; and,
25 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 Claudia
2 Ball.