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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of San Angelo lost a renowned business and
2 civic leader with the passing of Virginia Etta Henkel Holland on
3 June 3, 2012, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Virginia Henkel was born in Orlando,
5 Florida, on December 22, 1923, to Myrta Duncan and Alphaeus Henkel;
6 growing up during the Great Depression, she learned the value of
7 hard work at an early age, and that knowledge served her well
8 throughout her life; shortly after World War II, she met Captain
9 I. J. Chase Holland, Jr., and they were joined in matrimony on
10 February 9, 1946; the couple settled in Mr. Holland's hometown of
11 San Angelo, which Virginia Holland adopted wholeheartedly as her
12 own; and

13 WHEREAS, While taking care of their two sons, Chase and
14 William, Mrs. Holland worked alongside her husband in his father's
15 business, Holland Jewelry; she also found time to involve herself
16 in a variety of church and community projects, among them the
17 endeavors of the Young Women's Service League, which she helped to
18 charter as the Junior League of San Angelo; in 1960, her
19 father-in-law passed away, and she and her husband became the
20 owners of Holland Jewelry; and

21 WHEREAS, The Hollands shared a rewarding marriage of more
22 than two decades before Mr. Holland's untimely death in 1968;
23 Virginia Holland subsequently took the helm of the family business,
24 mastering her new responsibilities with the assistance of a loyal

1 staff, and the company flourished; through the years, she embraced
2 the store's employees as extended family, and in 1979 she was named
3 "Boss of the Year" by Credit Women International; and

4 WHEREAS, This dynamic woman had the distinction of becoming
5 the first female director of the Texas Jewelers Association; she
6 was active in the Southwest Jewelers' Group, and she attained
7 certification as a "registered jeweler" with the American Gem
8 Society; thanks in part to her 66 years of dedicated service to
9 Holland Jewelry, the company has been recognized with a Texas
10 Treasure Business Award by the Texas Historical Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Holland married Lee W. Sanders in 1970, and
12 during the nearly quarter of a century that followed, they enjoyed
13 such pastimes as travel and developing a retreat in Irion County; in
14 her later years, Mrs. Holland continued to take pleasure in
15 spending time with her family and with her many dear friends; and

16 WHEREAS, Virginia Holland lived a compassionate and
17 purposeful life, one in which professional achievement went hand in
18 hand with an abiding commitment to her loved ones, and her legacy
19 will continue to resonate for years to come in the community she was
20 proud to call home; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Virginia Etta
23 Henkel Holland and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her
24 family: to her sons and daughters-in-law, Chase Holland III and Kay
25 Holland and William Stuart and Janet Holland; to her grandchildren,
26 Chase Holland IV and Traci Holland, Bradlee and Julianna Holland,
27 Stuart and Holly Holland, David and Jen Holland, Chelsea Holland,

1 Grant and Missy Huling, and Garrett and Natalie Huling; to her
2 great-grandchildren, Emily Holland, Chase Holland V, Gardner
3 Holland, Griggs Holland, Sumner Holland, Duncan Holland, Kate
4 Virginia Holland, Ava Huling, Grayson Huling, Madelyn Huling, and
5 Harper Huling; to her cousin, C. E. Bradshaw; to her niece, Shirley
6 Tindall; to her nephew, Robert Tindall; to her stepchildren, Sandra
7 and Bobby Carter, Richard and Janell Sanders, and James and Sheila
8 Sanders; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further
9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Virginia
12 Holland.