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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of San Angelo philanthropist Amy McLaughlin on June 7,
3 2011, at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of David and Thelma Johnson, the former
5 Amy Johnson was born in San Antonio on September 6, 1932; while a
6 student at Thomas Jefferson High School, she won the Miss Teena
7 Texas title and served as major of her school's pep squad; she went
8 on to earn her bachelor's degree in home economics at The University
9 of Texas at Austin, where she was elected secretary of the student
10 body, was named a Bluebonnet Belle, and was a member of Delta Delta
11 Delta; and

12 WHEREAS, She married Mark McLaughlin in 1954, and they became
13 the parents of four children, Michael, Laure, Brian, and Matthew;
14 the couple lived on Sheppard Air Force Base and in Austin and Snyder
15 before settling in San Angelo in 1965; through the years, Mrs.
16 McLaughlin knew the joy of welcoming six treasured grandchildren,
17 Claire, Blake, Annie, Stuart, Sarah, and Emily; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, Mrs. McLaughlin also found
19 time to benefit her community in a variety of ways; she was
20 president of the San Angelo Junior League and of the San Angelo
21 Symphony Society, and she served on the boards of the Fort Concho
22 National Historic Landmark and the San Angelo Cultural Affairs
23 Council as well; moreover, she was involved with the San Angelo
24 Museum of Fine Arts and served on the fund-raising committee for the

1 Stephens Central Library; and

2 WHEREAS, This proud UT alumna was a generous supporter of her
3 alma mater and a staunch proponent of higher education; in 1982, the
4 board of regents of The University of Texas System established the
5 Amy Johnson McLaughlin Centennial Professorship in Home Economics
6 to recognize her contributions; she later served as co-chair of a
7 committee that raised construction funds for the Seay Building,
8 which now houses several Human Ecology departments, and the
9 university named a foyer in her honor; more recently, she was
10 recognized with the creation of the Amy Johnson McLaughlin
11 Administrative Chair in Human Ecology; and

12 WHEREAS, She and her husband were among the earliest
13 benefactors of the San Angelo Area Foundation and made a major
14 donation to underwrite its scholarship program; a caring mentor,
15 Mrs. McLaughlin enjoyed attending the scholarship luncheons and
16 following the progress of the young recipients; and

17 WHEREAS, Gracious, warm, and thoughtful of others, Amy
18 McLaughlin earned a special place in the hearts of innumerable
19 people, and she made a lasting, positive difference through her
20 selfless dedication to civic life; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Amy Johnson
23 McLaughlin and extend sincere condolences to her loved ones; and,
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
27 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Amy

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