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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Fort Worth lost one of its most admired
2 citizens with the death of philanthropist Nancy Lee Muse Bass on
3 February 28, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth on March 7, 1917, the former Nancy
5 Lee Muse was the daughter of Ewell and Roberta Muse; she graduated
6 from Central High School and completed her bachelor's degree in
7 English at The University of Texas at Austin; at a dance in her
8 hometown, she met a Wichita Falls oilman, Perry Bass, and they
9 married in 1941 at the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bass was the devoted mother of four sons, Sid,
11 Ed, Bob, and Lee, and she eventually knew the joy of welcoming 10
12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren into her cherished family;
13 she and her husband shared a rewarding relationship of 65 years
14 before his passing in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to civic life, Mrs. Bass gave
16 generously of her time and talents in myriad leadership roles; she
17 served for three decades as a vice president and a director of the
18 Sid W. Richardson Foundation, and she was a member of the boards of
19 numerous local, state, and national organizations, among them the
20 Smithsonian Institution National Council, the Collectors Committee
21 of the National Gallery of Art, and the Modern Art Museum of Fort
22 Worth; in addition, she served on the advisory board of the Van
23 Cliburn International Piano Competition and on The University of
24 Texas at Austin Development Board, and she was a member of the

1 Junior League, the Jewel Charity Ball, and the Fort Worth Garden
2 Club; a woman of faith, she belonged to the First United Methodist
3 Church for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, A tireless benefactor of the arts, education, human
5 services, and health care, Mrs. Bass chose to celebrate her 50th
6 wedding anniversary by joining with her husband to give \$1 million
7 each to 50 charitable institutions; and

8 WHEREAS, She sought to avoid the limelight, but her
9 leadership and generosity in cultural and civic affairs brought her
10 a host of accolades, including the Distinguished Alumna Award from
11 The University of Texas Ex-Students' Association, the Golden Deeds
12 Award from the Exchange Club of Fort Worth, and the inaugural Gloria
13 Lupton Tennison Pioneer Award from the National Cowgirl Museum and
14 Hall of Fame; in 1998, the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance
15 Hall was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bass at the suggestion of
16 renowned pianist Van Cliburn; and

17 WHEREAS, Nancy Lee Bass was truly the "first lady of Fort
18 Worth," and those who were privileged to know her will forever
19 remember her exceptional kindness, wisdom, and grace; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Nancy Lee Muse Bass
23 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
24 sons, Sid Richardson Bass, Edward Perry Bass, Robert Muse Bass, and
25 Lee Marshall Bass; to her 10 grandchildren; to her 7
26 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and many friends;
27 and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nancy Lee
4 Muse Bass.