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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Vickie Lynn Willard Patterson of
3 Gonzales on April 23, 2012, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Eugene Powell Willard and Dorothy
5 Neal Willard, Vickie Willard was born on September 6, 1951, in San
6 Antonio; she graduated from Douglas MacArthur High School and
7 earned a degree in education from Southwest Texas State University
8 in San Marcos, where she was a member of the Chi Omega fraternity;
9 moreover, she was on the college dance team, the Southwest Texas
10 Strutters, and she continued to support the group throughout her
11 life; and

12 WHEREAS, She married James Wayne Patterson, and their years
13 of devoted matrimony were further enriched by the addition of a
14 daughter, Jayme, and a son, James; the couple raised their children
15 in Houston and later moved to a ranch in Gonzales County; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Patterson taught for many years in San Antonio
17 and Houston, and she was active in the community as a founding
18 member of the Daughters of Liberty Republican Women in Houston,
19 which she twice served as president; she also contributed her time
20 and talents to the Harris County Republican Party and served on the
21 Greater Houston Council Republican Women Board of Directors; she
22 was a valued member of Second Baptist Church and School while in
23 Houston and joined Memorial Heights Baptist Church on arriving in
24 Gonzales; she subsequently became a leader there as a dedicated

1 board member of the Memorial Heights Grace Christian Academy; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding civic
3 contributions, Mrs. Patterson received the Volunteer of the Year
4 Award for Senatorial District 7 from the Republican Party of Texas,
5 and in 1994, she was included in Who's Who of the Republican Party;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, While the life of Vickie Patterson ended far too
8 soon, memories of her optimism, generosity, and wonderful sense of
9 humor remain to comfort and inspire all those who were privileged to
10 know her; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Vickie Lynn Willard
13 Patterson and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family:
14 to her husband, James Wayne Patterson; to her daughter, Jayme
15 Patterson Mason, and her husband, Richard; to her son, James
16 Patrick Patterson, and his wife, Danielle; to her granddaughters,
17 Taylor and Katherine Mason and Rachel and Reagan Patterson; to her
18 parents, Eugene Powell Willard and Dorothy Neal Willard; to her
19 brother, Eugene Neal Willard, and his wife, Cheryl; and to her other
20 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vickie
24 Patterson.