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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and
2 generosity of Helen Kilroy of Santa Fe, Texas, who passed away on
3 December 22, 2014, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 5, 1944, Helen Kilroy worked as an
5 executive assistant and later enjoyed a career as a travel agent;
6 she and her husband, Jim Kilroy, shared 47 years together and became
7 the parents of two beloved sons, Mark and Keith; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to her personal and professional
9 responsibilities, Mrs. Kilroy served as a volunteer with many
10 organizations in the Santa Fe and Hitchcock region; she played an
11 instrumental role in establishing the Santa Fe ISD School Education
12 Foundation and served on the board of Santa Fe Parks and Recreation;
13 a district leader for the Bay Area Council Cub Scouts, she helped
14 start the Cub Scout pack at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; as
15 a member of that church for more than 40 years, Mrs. Kilroy served
16 the congregation as a Eucharistic minister and as the organizer of
17 the church's auction, and she also fostered seven young children
18 through Catholic charities; furthermore, she volunteered as an EMT
19 and paramedic for the Santa Fe EMS ambulance and worked with Meals
20 on Wheels; and

21 WHEREAS, Of all her community endeavors, closest to her heart
22 was her establishment of the Mark Kilroy Foundation with her
23 husband; named in honor of the couple's 21-year-old son who was
24 kidnapped and killed in Mexico by drug smugglers in 1989, the

1 foundation was created to support anti-drug efforts; Mrs. Kilroy
2 also helped organize the Substance Abuse Free Environment program
3 and the annual Mark Kilroy Foundation Fundraiser, which helps
4 secure grants for youth counselors; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her family and her community,
6 Helen Kilroy lived a caring and purposeful life, and she will
7 forever be remembered with admiration and affection by all who held
8 her close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Helen Kilroy and
11 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her family: to her
12 husband, Jim Kilroy; to her son, Keith Kilroy, and his wife; to her
13 two grandchildren; to her three sisters; and to her other relatives
14 and many friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Helen
18 Kilroy.