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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and
2 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better
3 place through their actions, and Elizabeth Graham Hill of Houston,
4 who passed away on June 1, 2014, was indeed one such person; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Olney on July 12, 1924, to Roy Jewel and Ruby
6 Andrews Graham, Elizabeth Ann Graham grew up on the family ranch in
7 Anarene; after graduating from Olney High School, where she was
8 named Most Popular Girl and Band Sweetheart as well as the state
9 champion in declamation, she attended Stephens College in Columbia,
10 Missouri, and earned a place on the school's Dean's List; and

11 WHEREAS, Bitsy Graham, as she was known to friends,
12 subsequently transferred to The University of Texas at Austin to
13 study social science, and it was there that she met her future
14 husband, John Hill; Mr. Hill spent many years in public office,
15 serving Texas as secretary of state, attorney general, and chief
16 justice of the state supreme court, and Mrs. Hill unfailingly
17 supported her husband throughout his career; and

18 WHEREAS, The couple shared more than six rewarding decades
19 together before Mr. Hill's passing in 2007; over the years, they
20 were blessed with a family that grew to include 3 children, Melinda,
21 John, and Martha, as well as 10 grandchildren and 10
22 great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hill devoted much time and energy to community
24 service, assuming leadership roles in such organizations as the

1 Blue Bird Circle and the Settlement Club; a valued member of
2 St. Luke's United Methodist Church, she hosted the first meetings
3 of the Young Life ministry in her home in the mid-1960s, and she
4 completed training as a Stephen Minister in her 80s; above all, she
5 treasured the volunteer work she did as a mentor to inmates through
6 the InnerChange Freedom Initiative; and

7 WHEREAS, Possessed of grace, compassion, and a wonderful
8 sense of humor, Elizabeth Hill remained engaged in the world
9 throughout her life and found great joy and inspiration in helping
10 others; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elizabeth Graham
13 Hill and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
14 her children, Melinda Hill Perrin and her husband, Mike, John
15 Graham Hill and his wife, Lindy, and Martha Hill Jamison and her
16 husband, Bruce; to her grandchildren, Elizabeth Perrin Eades and
17 her husband, Jonathan, Carter Perrin and his wife, Lizzy, Hunter
18 Perrin and his wife, Mary Bonner, John Hill and his wife, Maria,
19 Peter Hill and his wife, Kelly, Taylor Hill Bawcom and her husband,
20 Clint, Bo Hill, Matt Clark, Meredith Clark, and Sam Jamison; to her
21 great-grandchildren, Oliver, Lilla, George, Grace, Eliza, Jackson,
22 Cecilia, Peter Ryan, Emmy, and Bo; to her niece, Chris Burkett, and
23 her husband, Harold; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be
24 it further

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

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1 Graham Hill.