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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with meaningful achievements drew to a
2 close far too soon with the passing of Karen Michelle Peterson of
3 Fort Worth on March 8, 2015, at the age of 42; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 24, 1972, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the
5 former Karen Raper was the daughter of Gary and Barbara Raper; she
6 shared a rewarding relationship with her husband, Ron Peterson, and
7 she was the mother of three children, Megan, Joshua, and Katie, all
8 of whom she homeschooled; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peterson found fulfillment in caring for her
10 loved ones and was sustained by a deep and abiding religious faith;
11 for nearly five years, she volunteered with the American Heritage
12 Girls Tx1171 as a squad leader, explorer unit leader, and
13 treasurer, and she believed strongly in the program's mission to
14 develop women of integrity through service to God, family,
15 community, and country; and

16 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2013, Mrs. Peterson helped found
17 American Heritage Girls Troop Tx2415; the number chosen for the
18 troop represented her favorite Bible verse, Joshua 24:15, which
19 reads, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"; she and her
20 husband also joined several other families in establishing a Trail
21 Life USA troop, providing a similar faith-centered organization for
22 boys in the area; the couple shared a passion for service and gave
23 generously of their time and resources; and

24 WHEREAS, Always ready with a smile and a hug, this

1 warmhearted woman was a dear friend and a trusted listener who made
2 everyone feel appreciated; she delighted in the wonders of nature
3 and enjoyed sharing her enthusiasm with those around her; and

4 WHEREAS, Karen Peterson touched countless lives through her
5 kind deeds and her selfless commitment to others, and she
6 consistently embodied the virtues of the American Heritage Girls
7 Creed: compassionate, loyal, responsible, honest, helpful, pure,
8 resourceful, respectful, perseverant, and reverent; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Karen Michelle
12 Peterson and extend deepest condolences to the members of her
13 family: to her husband, Ron Peterson; to her children, Megan,
14 Joshua, and Katie Peterson; to her parents, Gary and Barbara Raper;
15 to her sister, Cheryl Based; and to her other relatives and many
16 friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Karen
20 Peterson.