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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Virginia Vogel Smith of Kingwood passed away on May
2 11, 2015, at the age of 96, leaving her family and friends to
3 treasure the wealth of joyful memories they shared with her; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 14, 1919, in Climax Springs,
5 Missouri, the former Virginia Vogel was the daughter of Peter and
6 Lena Vogel; she graduated from Missouri Valley College in 1939 and
7 embarked on a career as an educator that would span four decades and
8 encompass grades from kindergarten to high school; a dynamic and
9 beloved teacher, she maintained high expectations for her students
10 and found fulfillment in helping them succeed; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1942, she married Glen Thomas Smith, with whom
12 she shared a long and rewarding union, until his death in 1983; she
13 was the proud mother of two sons, Mark and Reed, and with the
14 passing years, she welcomed into her family five grandchildren and
15 six great-grandchildren; alongside her husband, she was a valued
16 member of First Presbyterian Church; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to her life as a teacher, wife, and
18 mother, Mrs. Smith was an active civic leader during the more than
19 45 years she resided in Galveston; drawing on her passion for
20 investing, she became the founder of two local investment clubs,
21 and she served on the boards of the Galveston Opera House and the
22 Rosenberg Library; she was also a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma
23 Society, an organization dedicated to excellence in education and
24 the professional and personal growth of women educators; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith moved to Kingwood in 2006 to be near her
2 family, and in her free time, she enjoyed using her talent for
3 needlework to make beautiful gifts for her loved ones; fondly known
4 by the nickname "Tiny," she cultivated many close friendships
5 throughout her life, and her encouraging words touched the hearts
6 of countless people; and

7 WHEREAS, Although she will be deeply missed, Virginia Smith
8 left an indelible impression on all those who were privileged to
9 know her, and she will forever be remembered with heartfelt
10 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Virginia Vogel Smith
13 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
14 sons, Mark and Reed Smith; to her daughter-in-law, Stephanie Smith;
15 to her brother, Philip; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
16 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 Virginia
20 Vogel Smith.