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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jane Sibley of Austin has made innumerable
2 contributions to art and history in the Lone Star State, and it is a
3 pleasure to honor this elegant and distinguished civic leader for
4 her many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Descended from tough West Texas stock, the former
6 Jane Dunn grew up in Fort Stockton; while performing water ballet
7 for the Fort Stockton Water Carnival, she discovered a passion for
8 the arts, which she went on to pursue as a student at The University
9 of Texas at Austin; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1950, she married Dr. D. J. Sibley, a World War II
11 veteran who shared her interests; the couple enjoyed a rewarding
12 marriage that spanned 54 years, and together they raised three
13 beloved children; and

14 WHEREAS, After moving to Austin in the early 1960s,
15 Ms. Sibley devoted herself to supporting art and history programs;
16 for her first major project, she put on a highly successful
17 fund-raiser for the Laguna Gloria Art Museum, later becoming
18 president of the museum's board of directors; her subsequent
19 campaign to save prehistoric rock paintings in West Texas led the
20 governor to appoint her to serve as a member of the Texas Historical
21 Commission, in which capacity she used her exceptional talent for
22 obtaining donations to promote many worthy projects; and

23 WHEREAS, With a reputation for getting things done,
24 Ms. Sibley was named to the board of the Austin Symphony Orchestra

1 in 1967 and quickly took a leading role in that organization; for
2 the next four decades, she guided the symphony as president and then
3 chair of the board; when the orchestra needed a new performing
4 center, she helped raise the tens of millions of dollars necessary
5 to convert the Palmer Auditorium into the Long Center for the
6 Performing Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, Among the numerous other institutions to have
8 benefited from Ms. Sibley's efforts are the Fort Stockton
9 Historical Society, the Paramount Theatre for the Performing Arts,
10 and The University of Texas College of Fine Arts Advisory Council;
11 her philanthropic work has been recognized with the White Shaman
12 Award from the Rock Art Foundation, the Ima Hogg Award from UT, and
13 the naming of the Austin Symphony Orchestra Jane Dunn Sibley Award
14 for Outstanding Cultural Arts Leadership in her honor; she is an
15 Austin Arts Hall of Fame inductee and an honorary citizen of Mexico;
16 in 2013, she released an autobiography titled *Jane's Window: My*
17 *Spirited Life in West Texas and Austin*; and

18 WHEREAS, The intelligence, charm, and steely determination
19 that Jane Sibley brings to all of her endeavors have created a
20 record of achievement that will continue to benefit the state for
21 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Jane Sibley for her civic engagement and
24 leadership and commend her for her dedication to the arts and to the
25 preservation of the state's history; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Ms. Sibley as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives.