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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a compassionate and courageous woman
2 drew to a close with the passing of Pamela Kaye Washington of Austin
3 on June 26, 2017, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 4, 1956, the former Pamela Baber
5 was the daughter of Lucious Baber and Esther Grey; as a child, she
6 witnessed her mother's struggles with heart disease, and she
7 subsequently fought her own battle with cardiovascular problems;
8 after learning of her family's genetic predisposition to such
9 illnesses, she became actively involved with the American Heart
10 Association; and

11 WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for public policies that promote
12 good nutrition and cardiovascular health, Mrs. Washington lobbied
13 on behalf of the AHA in the nation's capital, worked to build
14 support for constructive proposals in the Texas Legislature, and
15 chaired the AHA's Austin Grassroots Action Team; in addition, she
16 served as a national spokesperson for Go Red for Women, and she
17 shared her personal story of heart disease and AHA activism as a
18 member of the campaign's 2015-2016 class of "Real Women";
19 passionately committed to empowering individuals, she fostered
20 awareness of healthy lifestyles and encouraged people to take a
21 more proactive role in protecting their health; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, this dynamic Texan sought out
23 ways to help others in her community; she volunteered for more than
24 14 years with the Boy Scouts of America, vigorously promoted

1 engagement in the electoral process, and held the office of deputy
2 registrar for Travis County for 6 years; she also served the State
3 of Texas with great dedication, working for two decades as an
4 enforcement officer with the Office of the Texas Comptroller of
5 Public Accounts; following her retirement from that job, she
6 enjoyed success as an entrepreneur, running her own tax consulting
7 firm, Washington Business Ventures; and

8 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Washington was
9 the caring mother of three children, Ayshia, Jerel, and Terence,
10 who preceded his mother in death, as well as a doting grandmother;
11 her life was further enriched by the support and affection of her
12 husband, Larry, and by many friends who loved and cherished her; and

13 WHEREAS, An outspoken believer in the importance of not only
14 surviving but thriving, Pamela Washington modeled that belief
15 through her generous efforts to make the world around her a better
16 place, and she will forever be remembered with admiration by those
17 she leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
20 Pamela Kaye Washington and extend sincere condolences to all who
21 mourn her passing; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pamela Kaye
25 Washington.