

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Kristi Marie  
2 Couvillon-Wise of Austin suffered an immeasurable loss with her  
3 untimely passing on October 1, 2010, at the age of 36; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Donna and Paul Kreuzer and Edward  
5 Couvillon, the former Kristi Couvillon was born in Texas City on  
6 September 20, 1974; after graduating from Clements High School, she  
7 earned her bachelor's degree at Trinity University and went on to  
8 receive a master's degree in social work as well as a doctor of  
9 jurisprudence with honors from The University of Texas at Austin;  
10 in 2006, she married John Wise, and the couple became the proud  
11 parents of a beloved baby girl, Vivienne Grace; and

12           WHEREAS, From an early age, Ms. Couvillon-Wise demonstrated  
13 a strong sense of compassion that ultimately led her to devote her  
14 life to helping others, first as a special education teacher and  
15 later as a social worker for people living with HIV/AIDS, mental  
16 illness, and drug addiction, as well as for the homeless; during her  
17 career as an attorney, she was awarded a distinguished George Soros  
18 Fellowship, and she represented indigent clients on death row; she  
19 was part of a team of attorneys with the Texas Defender Service that  
20 successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court for the release  
21 of a death row inmate; she was also briefly employed in the Travis  
22 County Attorney's Office, and she later opened her own criminal  
23 defense practice; named to the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers  
24 Association Board of Directors, she further contributed to her

1 professional community as president of Texas Law Fellowships and as  
2 manuscript editor for the Texas Journal of Civil Liberties and  
3 Civil Rights; and

4 WHEREAS, In her free time, Ms. Couvillon-Wise enjoyed  
5 traveling, running, listening to music of all genres, and spending  
6 time in nature, and she also found great joy in caring for animals;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Couvillon-Wise greatly suffered with severe  
9 postpartum depression after the birth of her daughter, and she lost  
10 her torturous battle with the condition on October 1, 2010; the  
11 tragic circumstances of her death have since led to the founding of  
12 the Pregnancy and Postpartum Health Alliance of Texas, which was  
13 established in her honor, and the creation of the 2nd Postpartum  
14 Support International Traveling Memory Quilt; moreover, the Texas  
15 Civil Rights Project named the Kristi Couvillon pro bono award in  
16 her honor; and

17 WHEREAS, Kristi Couvillon-Wise made a positive difference in  
18 countless lives, both through the love and kindness she shared with  
19 her family and friends and through the work she did to help those in  
20 need, and she will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of  
21 all who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
24 of Kristi Couvillon-Wise and extend sincere condolences to her  
25 loved ones; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kristi  
2 Couvillon-Wise.

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Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
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Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
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Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
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Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
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Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
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Cortez	Lambert	Springer
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Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 463 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 14, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House