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H.C.R. No. 69

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of Brenda Nation of Austin, who died on January 22, 2017,
3 at the age of 59; and

4 WHEREAS, Brenda Nation was born to Benjamin and Juanita
5 Nation on October 4, 1957, and she grew up in Lake Charles,
6 Louisiana; after graduating from LaGrange High School, she worked
7 in a number of offices, including a law firm, where the attorneys
8 urged her to attend college; she took their advice and earned a
9 bachelor's degree from McNeese State University, and, in 1993, she
10 received her law degree from Louisiana State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Nation began her legal career as an assistant
12 attorney general for the state of Louisiana, and in December 2001,
13 she joined the staff of the American Council of Life Insurers;
14 working first out of their headquarters in Washington, D.C., and
15 then as regional vice president in the Austin office, she capably
16 represented the ACLI before the legislatures of Texas, Oklahoma,
17 Wyoming, New Mexico, and Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS, At her 20th high school reunion, Ms. Nation
19 reconnected with an old classmate, Allen Corder; the couple married
20 three months later and went on to share more than two decades
21 together; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Nation won the admiration of many with her
23 thoughtful and generous gifts, her skill as a scratch golfer, and
24 her flair for decorating; she also loved to cook and entertain, and

1 she delighted guests with her Cajun recipes, one of which was
2 featured in *Good Housekeeping* magazine; and

3 WHEREAS, A loving wife, a dedicated professional, and a loyal
4 friend, Brenda Nation lived a full and generous life, and memories
5 of her warmth, kindness, and joie de vivre will forever be treasured
6 by all those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby pay tribute to the life of Brenda Nation and extend heartfelt
9 sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Allen Corder;
10 to her brothers, Glenn Nation and his wife, Helen, and Dean Nation
11 and his wife, Connie; and to her other relatives and many friends;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family, and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
16 Brenda Nation.