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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Dortha Waddell Williamson of Junction, who passed away on
3 December 26, 2016, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The ninth child of Kate Waddell and Elkin "Babe"
5 Waddell, the former Dortha Waddell was born on August 7, 1923, at
6 her family's ranch in Menard; she received her early education in
7 the one-room Waddell Schoolhouse and later continued her studies in
8 town, where she and her friends Doris Lankford and Reta Crowell
9 became known as the "Rat Pack"; and

10 WHEREAS, Shortly before the outbreak of World War II, she met
11 the love of her life, Loyd "Butch" Williamson, at a Race Meet dance
12 in Junction; the couple married on September 6, 1942, and went on to
13 share a rewarding union that spanned 54 years before
14 Mr. Williamson's passing in 1996; she was deeply devoted to her two
15 daughters, Delia and Rana, and to her surrogate sons, Adolfo,
16 Sergio, and Ivan Ponce; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williamson operated Buster's Laundry and
18 Cleaners with her husband and took an active role in the community,
19 giving freely of her time and talents to the Business and
20 Professional Women's Club and the Texas Cattlemen; moreover, she
21 served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 497
22 in Junction and as president of the Daedalian Study Club, which she
23 helped found; and

24 WHEREAS, A fifth-generation Texan, Mrs. Williamson took

1 tremendous pride in her family's history and often told stories
2 about her parents and her grandparents, Daniel and Georgeanne
3 Waddell and Alf and Charlcie Reeves; she was also an accomplished
4 horseback rider and had a passion for felines, pretty shoes, and
5 dancing; and

6 WHEREAS, Known for her warmth, her kindness, and her
7 resilience, Dortha Williamson led a caring and purposeful life, and
8 those who were fortunate enough to know her will forever hold her
9 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dortha Waddell
12 Williamson and extend deepest condolences to the members of her
13 family and to her friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dortha
17 Waddell Williamson.