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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Frances
2 Kay Bragg Sykes, who passed away on March 12, 2016, at the age of 71;
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4 WHEREAS, Born to Eldred Ray and Mary Frances Hudson Bragg on
5 December 20, 1944, in Kaufman, the former Kay Bragg grew up in
6 Dallas and graduated from Bryan Adams High School; she went on to
7 earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from The University of Texas
8 at Dallas and a master's degree in English literature from the
9 University of Dallas; she enjoyed a successful career as a teacher
10 and lecturer, instructing students in classic literature and
11 Christian iconography; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 19, 1980, this esteemed Texan married
13 Steven Sykes, with whom she shared a rewarding union that spanned 35
14 years; Mrs. Sykes was the devoted mother of four children,
15 Christopher Jackson, Eric Sykes, Christopher Sykes, and Jennifer
16 Griffin, and with the passing years, she had the pleasure of seeing
17 her family grow to include four grandchildren, Alexandra, Jazz,
18 Travis, and Madison; and

19 WHEREAS, Sustained by a deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Sykes
20 was an active congregant at St. John's Church in Dallas and gave
21 generously of her time to assist the church's vestry and altar
22 guild; her life was further enriched by her passion for music and
23 art, and she possessed a gracious hospitality that could transform
24 any gathering into a special occasion; and

1 WHEREAS, Admired for her kindness, her strength of character,
2 and her thoughtful intellect, Kay Sykes touched countless lives
3 during her journey on this earth, and all those who were fortunate
4 enough to know her will long remember her with deep affection; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frances Kay Bragg
8 Sykes and extend sincere condolences to her family and friends;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kay Sykes.