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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and rewarding life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Anita Palmer Hackley of Jacksboro on January 6, 2017, at
3 the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Anita Smith was born on July 29, 1945, in
5 Altus, Oklahoma, to Wallace William and Lottie Ann Smith; she
6 married Johnny T. Palmer in 1997, and the couple shared more than a
7 decade together until his passing in 2008; fortunate enough to find
8 love again, she exchanged wedding vows in 2013 with John Hackley,
9 and their blended family included three sons, Scott, Mike, and
10 John, and two daughters, Mary Kay and Babe; and

11 WHEREAS, Retired from a career as an educator, Anita Hackley
12 served as president of the Olney Retired Teachers Association, as
13 vice president of the District IX Retired Teachers, and as a board
14 member for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; she was also
15 active as president of the Olney Hamilton Hospital Foundation and
16 as a consumer member of the Texas State Board of Vocational Nursing,
17 as well as a director of the Faith Community Hospital Foundation of
18 Jacksboro; one of her proudest achievements was the establishment
19 of Anita's House, a place near Olney Hamilton Hospital where
20 patients' families can stay, regardless of their ability to pay;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Hackley was a talented artist as well, and she
23 was a member of Women Artists of the West, the National Oil and
24 Acrylic Painters Society, and the American Academy of Equine Art;

1 her cheerful disposition and joie de vivre were known to be
2 infectious to those around her, and she found guidance and
3 inspiration in her faith, which led to her active membership in the
4 Jacksboro Parish; and

5 WHEREAS, In every sphere of endeavor, Anita Palmer Hackley
6 demonstrated exceptional dedication, generosity, and kindness
7 toward others, and memories of this vibrant, gracious woman will
8 forever be treasured by all those who were privileged to know her;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Anita Palmer Hackley
12 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 husband, John Hackley; to her sons, Scott Palmer, Mike Palmer, and
14 John Brentnall Hackley; to her daughter, Mary Kay Hackley; to her
15 siblings, Troy Gene Smith and Mary Perry; to her son-in-law, Harley
16 Portwood; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anita
20 Palmer Hackley.