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H.R. No. 815

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Vanessa
2 Dale Clayton of DeSoto, who passed away on February 17, 2017, at the
3 age of 62; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Robert Wilkes and Jane Melinda
5 Oliver, Vanessa Clayton was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on June
6 26, 1954, and grew up with eight sisters and six brothers; she
7 graduated from Pottstown Senior High School in Pottstown,
8 Pennsylvania, in 1972 and three years later married her high school
9 sweetheart, Larry Clayton; over the course of more than four
10 decades together, the couple were blessed with a fine family that
11 grew to include four children, Dania Carter and her husband,
12 Jerome, Taj Clayton and his wife, Tonika, Bryheem Clayton and his
13 wife, Sree, and Larry Clayton Jr. and his wife, Salma, as well as 11
14 grandchildren and 6 extended grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clayton enjoyed a fulfilling career as a
16 caretaker; she worked as a nurse's aide at Pottstown Memorial
17 Medical Center and then operated a local home nursery before moving
18 with her family in 1993 to Millville, New Jersey, where she
19 supervised care for adults with disabilities at Easterseals; and

20 WHEREAS, After relocating to DeSoto in 1995, Mrs. Clayton
21 soon became a valued member of the community; a woman of strong
22 faith, she was an active congregant of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in
23 Dallas, where she generously volunteered her time with the nursery
24 ministry; and

1 WHEREAS, Vanessa Clayton led a rich and purposeful life
2 centered on her faith, her family, and her community, and those who
3 were privileged to know her will forever treasure their memories of
4 her thoughtfulness, warmth, and wonderful sense of humor; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Vanessa Dale Clayton
8 and extend heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends; and,
9 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 Vanessa
13 Clayton.