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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Victoria lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of Dorothy Jean Walston Alcorn on February 26,
3 2017, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on January 24, 1931, the former
5 Dorothy Walston was the daughter of Virgil and Dorothy Walston; she
6 graduated from Midland High School and completed her bachelor's
7 degree in English and education at the University of Houston; in
8 1952, she married Charles W. "Chuck" Alcorn Jr., and they became the
9 parents of three children, Dorothy, Lexey, and Charles; Mrs. Alcorn
10 taught third grade for three years while residing in Abilene, and
11 the family later lived in Midland and Andrews before settling in
12 Victoria in 1961; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alcorn became involved in higher education
14 advocacy after completing a master of arts in interdisciplinary
15 studies degree in creative writing and English at the University of
16 Houston-Victoria; in 1987, she was appointed to the University of
17 Houston System Board of Regents, and during her six-year tenure,
18 she served as board secretary and as chair of the Facilities and
19 Planning Committee; she also supervised the renovation of the
20 Wortham House, home of the UH chancellor; a longtime member of the
21 UHV President's Advisory Board, she served on three president's
22 search committees; she hosted myriad university functions at her
23 home, and her efforts in behalf of the UHV/American Book Review
24 Reading Series helped enhance community interest in literature; in

1 1993, the university named its Dorothy Alcorn Auditorium in her
2 honor, and the following year, she received the institution's
3 highest honor, the Presidential Medal; she donated her home to UHV
4 in 2015 for use as the president's residence; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Alcorn served in numerous
6 leadership roles, including president of the Victoria Junior League
7 and chair of the renovation committees for the Victoria Courthouse
8 and O'Connor-Proctor Building; she was also a member of the
9 Victoria Performing Arts Steering Committee and the Victoria
10 Airport Commission, among many other civic groups; and

11 WHEREAS, Dorothy Alcorn gave freely of her time, talents, and
12 resources to benefit higher education and the arts, and her
13 devotion to her family and her community will remain a source of
14 inspiration to all who were privileged to know her; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dorothy Alcorn and
18 extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dorothy
22 Alcorn.