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H.R. No. 1023

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues in the Texas
2 legislative community will forever treasure their memories of Betty
3 Wilhelm Horton, who passed away on November 29, 2015, at the age of
4 64; and

5 WHEREAS, The former Betty Wilhelm was born on July 21, 1951,
6 in Dallas to Johnnie Lee and Nila Ruth Wilhelm; she graduated from
7 South Garland High School in 1969, and that same year, she had the
8 honor of being named the Teenaged Republican Woman of the Year in
9 Dallas County; she subsequently earned her bachelor's degree and
10 her master's degree in public administration from Texas State
11 University, and after college, she took a job with KLBJ Radio in
12 Austin; and

13 WHEREAS, A longtime legislative staffer, Ms. Horton served
14 in 19 legislative sessions from 1975 until her retirement in 2013;
15 she was employed with several members of the Texas House of
16 Representatives, some of whom she spent more than a decade working
17 for, and she took pride in the role she played in countless pieces
18 of legislation that continue to impact the lives of Texans; along
19 the way, she became a caring mentor and friend to generations of
20 fellow staff members at the State Capitol; and

21 WHEREAS, She was joined in matrimony to her high school
22 sweetheart, Maxwell Davis Horton, in 1972, and the couple raised
23 two daughters, Kelly and Shana; she cherished her role as a mother,
24 and she also delighted in doting on her precious granddaughter,

1 Georgia; for 35 years, Ms. Horton resided in the West Lake Hills
2 area, where she belonged to Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church; in
3 her retirement, she seized the opportunity to travel the world with
4 her husband, venturing on trips to England, Scotland, France,
5 Italy, and Costa Rica, as well as to Alaska, Hawaii, and other
6 destinations across the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Known for her passion for life, her kindness and
8 sincerity, and her spirit of adventure, Betty Horton was beloved by
9 all those who had the pleasure of knowing her, and she will forever
10 hold a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Betty Wilhelm Horton
13 and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
14 further

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