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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A loving family and a host of dear friends will  
2 forever treasure the memory of Haruka Weiser of Portland, Oregon,  
3 whose tragic death on April 5, 2016, at the age of 18, united  
4 countless people in mourning throughout Texas and her home state;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Haruka Juliana Tsunemine Weiser was born on June 20,  
7 1997, to Thomas Weiser and Yasuyo Tsunemine and grew up with the  
8 companionship of her younger brother, Noboru, and sister, Naomi;  
9 she graduated in 2015 from the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy  
10 in Beaverton, Oregon, where she formed many lasting friendships;  
11 while there, she demonstrated a unique gift for dance and pursued  
12 her passion as a performer with the Portland Ballet and the  
13 Beaverton Dance West Troupe; and

14           WHEREAS, Ms. Weiser's showing at the National High School  
15 Dance Festival caught the eye of faculty from The University of  
16 Texas at Austin, and she went on to enroll at UT on a full  
17 scholarship; she endeared herself to the university's arts and  
18 dance community, and although her talent as a dancer was apparent to  
19 all who knew her, she always remained humble and down to earth; in  
20 addition to dance, she dedicated herself diligently to her other  
21 classes and excelled in math and science, and she had plans to  
22 declare a second major in premedical studies; and

23           WHEREAS, Haruka Weiser possessed a genuine enthusiasm for  
24 life that inspired everyone around her and took special joy in such

1 simple acts as watching the sun rise and going on impromptu picnics;  
2 adventurous and spirited, she found additional outlets for her  
3 energy in sculpture and cooking, and she was known to treat even the  
4 smallest moments of happiness as opportunities to dance; and

5 WHEREAS, While the death of Haruka Weiser is an incalculable  
6 loss to the many people who cherished her, the passage of time will  
7 never dim their memories of the love that she shared with them and  
8 the joy and purpose with which she followed her dreams; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Haruka Juliana  
12 Tsunemine Weiser and extend heartfelt condolences to her family,  
13 her friends, and all those who join them in celebrating the life of  
14 this remarkable young woman; and, be it 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 Haruka  
18 Weiser.