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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Barbara Hart Nicholson of Abilene on January 23, 2017, at
3 the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The youngest of five children, the former Barbara
5 Hart was born to H. E. and Charlotte Hart in Dallas on March 23,
6 1937; she graduated from Abilene High School in 1955 and
7 subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in business education from
8 Abilene Christian College; while an undergraduate, she met the love
9 of her life, Randy Nicholson, and they were joined in matrimony on
10 November 18, 1957; over the course of nearly six decades of
11 marriage, the couple were blessed with a fine family that included
12 their daughter, Randa, their son-in-law, Jeff, and their grandson,
13 Braden; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Nicholson served as an instructor of typing,
15 bookkeeping, and shorthand at Anson High School before being hired
16 as chair of the business department at O. H. Cooper High School in
17 Abilene, where she taught for five years; after the birth of her
18 daughter in 1966, she devoted herself full-time to her home and her
19 family; and

20 WHEREAS, A gifted vocalist, Ms. Nicholson performed in vocal
21 ensembles throughout high school and college, and she later sang
22 with the Abilene Christian University Alumni Chorus and the choir
23 at her local church; she also took great delight in painting, and
24 her artworks became cherished gifts to her loved ones; in addition,

1 she expressed her deep patriotism by organizing the Helping Our
2 Heroes ministry, which ships care packages to members of the U.S.
3 armed forces overseas, and she gave generously of her time
4 coordinating luncheons for widows and widowers at Highland,
5 University, and Oldham Lane Churches of Christ; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara Nicholson was a devoted wife and mother and
7 a beloved member of her community, and though this vibrant,
8 gracious woman will be deeply missed, she leaves behind a record of
9 service that her loved ones can remember with pride; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Barbara Hart
13 Nicholson and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
14 family and to her many friends; 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 Barbara
18 Nicholson.