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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Tarrant County are mourning the loss of
2 former state representative Anna Mowery, who passed away on April
3 20, 2017, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Decatur on January 4, 1931, the former Anna
5 Bess Renshaw graduated from Rhome High School and went on to earn a
6 bachelor's degree in drama, speech, and political science from
7 Baylor University and a master's degree in history and speech from
8 Central State University in Oklahoma; she married Wesley Mowery in
9 1951, and they became the proud parents of four children, Jeanette,
10 Marianne, Tim, and Mark; in later years, she knew the joy of
11 welcoming four grandchildren into her treasured family; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mowerys lived in Alaska, Oklahoma, and Abilene
13 before settling in Fort Worth in 1970; five years later, Anna Mowery
14 became the first woman to lead a major political party in Tarrant
15 County when she was selected as Republican chair; her skill and
16 dynamism helped the GOP attract greater support in the area, and she
17 played a key role in U.S. Representative Joe Barton's election
18 victory in 1984; in addition, she was a delegate for Ronald Reagan
19 at the 1976 Republican National Convention and then took on the role
20 of county chair for his 1984 presidential campaign; and

21 WHEREAS, First elected to the Texas House in 1988,
22 Representative Mowery served her constituents in District 97 with
23 tremendous dedication until 2007; a member of the Appropriations,
24 Elections, Labor and Employment Relations, and Business and

1 Industry Committees, among others, she was especially well known
2 for her work in chairing the Land and Resource Management Committee
3 for three legislative sessions; though she was a staunch believer
4 in conservative values, she was still able to work effectively
5 across the aisle, and her integrity and determination made her a
6 role model and mentor to countless women in the Republican Party;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Mowery further benefited her fellow
9 citizens through her involvement with the Rape Crisis Coalition,
10 Women's Policy Forum, Texas Women's Alliance, and the Greater Fort
11 Worth Literacy Council, and she was a valued member of Travis Avenue
12 Baptist Church; this respected civic and political leader was the
13 recipient of numerous accolades, including the NFIB Guardian Award,
14 the 4-H Alumni Award, and the Friend of Hospice Award from the Texas
15 and New Mexico hospice organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Through her effective work as a party leader and a
17 state legislator, Anna Mowery was an influential trailblazer in
18 Tarrant County politics, and she will be remembered with admiration
19 and affection by all who were privileged to know her; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Anna
23 Mowery and extend deepest condolences to her loved ones; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anna

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1 Mowery.