

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Spring lost two beloved residents with  
2 the passing of Grace Faith Danielson Casagrande on January 3, 2017,  
3 at the age of 76, and of her husband, Leo Albino Casagrande, on  
4 March 31, 2017, at the age of 82; and

5           WHEREAS, The daughter of Dr. John Danielson and Grace Murphy  
6 Danielson, the former Grace Danielson was born on April 24, 1940, in  
7 Teaneck, New Jersey; she graduated from Iowa State University in  
8 1961 and exchanged wedding vows with Leo Casagrande the following  
9 year; the couple lived in Fort Salonga on Long Island, New York,  
10 before relocating to Derby, Kansas, in 1976 and opening a video  
11 store in Wichita; in 1990, they retired to Houston to be closer to  
12 their family; and

13           WHEREAS, Leo Casagrande was born in Queens, New York, on  
14 August 5, 1934, to Ferruccio and Ida Salvador Casagrande; he earned  
15 a scholarship to play baseball at St. John's University, where he  
16 was named an Outstanding Student Athlete and featured in *Who's Who*  
17 *Among Students in America's Universities and Colleges*; after  
18 graduating with a bachelor's degree in personnel administration,  
19 Mr. Casagrande served two years in the United States Army, and he  
20 subsequently pitched in the minor leagues until an injury forced  
21 him to retire from baseball; he went on to receive a master of  
22 business administration degree from New York University before  
23 marrying the love of his life, Grace; and

24           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Casagrande became the

1 proud parents of two children, Steven and Jean, and Mr. Casagrande  
2 often coached them in baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, and  
3 track; the couple took great joy in spending time with their family,  
4 which eventually grew to include three cherished grandsons,  
5 Michael, David, and Nathan; both husband and wife were active in  
6 their congregation at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community  
7 and in the parish's 55+ ministry, and they were founding members of  
8 the Magnificent Seven; in addition, Mrs. Casagrande was a member of  
9 Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 for 26 years and also shared her  
10 time and talents with the Houston Calligraphy Guild; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout the life they built together, Grace and  
12 Leo Casagrande set an inspiring example of devotion to their loved  
13 ones, to their faith, and to each other, and they will forever be  
14 remembered with admiration and affection by those who held them  
15 dear; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Grace and Leo  
18 Casagrande and extend heartfelt condolences to all those who mourn  
19 their passing; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for their family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Grace and  
23 Leo Casagrande.

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H.R. No. 1918

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1918 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 12, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House