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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.