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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Barbara Ruud of Austin, who passed away on April 7, 2016, at the
4 age of 94; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on April 25, 1921, the former Barbara Dailey
6 enjoyed an idyllic childhood in her hometown of Mankato, Minnesota;
7 she attended Macalester College in St. Paul before transferring to
8 the University of Minnesota, where she met her future husband,
9 Millard H. Ruud; the couple married on August 28, 1943, and they
10 went on to share nearly 54 years together; while Mr. Ruud served
11 overseas in the U.S. Army, Mrs. Ruud completed her law degree at
12 UMN, and in 1944, she became the first woman to be hired as a claims
13 adjuster for State Farm Insurance; and

14 WHEREAS, After the war, the couple moved first to Lawrence,
15 Kansas, and then to Texas, when Mr. Ruud accepted a teaching
16 position at The University of Texas School of Law in 1948; while in
17 Austin, they welcomed the birth of their three sons, Stephen,
18 Christopher, and Michael; in addition to raising her family,
19 Mrs. Ruud found time to participate in civic organizations, and she
20 served as a member of the Texas Bar Association's Administrative
21 Law Committee, as president of the Austin League of Women Voters,
22 and as president of the local chapter of the PEO Sisterhood; and

23 WHEREAS, In the 1960s and '70s, Mrs. Ruud worked as legal
24 counsel to Governors Preston Smith and Dolph Briscoe and later as an

1 assistant attorney for Attorney Generals Mark White and Jim Mattox;
2 she and Mr. Ruud subsequently relocated to Washington, D.C., where
3 she enjoyed serving as chief legal counsel for U.S. Congressman
4 Jake Pickle; after returning to Austin in 1988, she remained active
5 with her civic endeavors, and she and her husband traveled the world
6 together before his passing in 1997; the later years of her life
7 were blessed with the affection of her three grandchildren and two
8 great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her loved ones and to the causes
10 she held dear, Barbara Ruud touched countless lives during her
11 journey on this earth, and she will always be remembered with great
12 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Ruud and
15 extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn her passing; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Barbara
20 Ruud.