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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 Lometa Odom of Amarillo on January 27, 2017, at the age
3 of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of David Hiram and Opal Lee Odom,
5 Lometa Odom was born on November 29, 1933, in Washington, Oklahoma,
6 and grew up with her two sisters, Margaret and Danna; in 1948, she
7 moved with her family to Dimmitt, where she went on to lead the
8 Dimmitt High School basketball team to three state titles; and

9 WHEREAS, From 1952 to 1956, Ms. Odom attended Wayland Baptist
10 University and played on the Flying Queens basketball team,
11 compiling an impressive cumulative record of 115 wins and only 5
12 losses; she also helped the Queens achieve two perfect 23-0
13 campaigns and three Amateur Athletic Union national championships,
14 and in 1956 she was named the AAU Tournament MVP; with 1,614 career
15 points scored, she became the first person in the WBU team's history
16 to earn AAU All-American honors for four consecutive years;
17 moreover, she played on the team that captured a gold medal for the
18 United States in the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City; and

19 WHEREAS, Following her graduation, Ms. Odom enjoyed a
20 rewarding career in education, teaching and coaching basketball at
21 schools in Gruver, Spearman, Whitedeer, and Plainview for almost
22 four decades; dedicated to her field, she was an active member of
23 the PTA, the National Science Association, and the Texas Coaches
24 Association; and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of her many contributions to the
2 sport of basketball, Ms. Odom was inducted into the WBU Athletics,
3 Helms Foundation, and National Women's Basketball Halls of Fame,
4 and she was the first woman ever to be included among the honorees
5 in the Texas High School Basketball, Texas Panhandle Sports, and
6 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Halls of Fame; furthermore,
7 she was named one of the top 100 Texas Panhandle sports legends of
8 the 20th century by the *Amarillo Globe-News* in 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Admired for her integrity, her exceptional talent,
10 and her inspiring leadership, Lometa Odom touched countless lives
11 during her journey on this earth, and she leaves behind a legacy
12 that will forever be treasured by her family, friends, former
13 students, and many fans; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lometa Odom and
16 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
17 further

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