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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Joyce Kathleen Giddens Matthews on April 6, 2019, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, The former Joyce Giddens was born to J. T. and Effie Giddens on October 15, 1947, in Refugio; after graduating from Victoria High School, she continued her education at Our Lady of the Lake University and Trinity University in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, A talented artist, Ms. Matthews began winning prizes and selling her artwork at an early age, and she painted sets for many Victoria Independent School District productions before and after her graduation; over the years, she designed lighting for Theatre Victoria, served as a technical director for musicals at Victoria College, and worked as a stage and production manager with the Victoria Fine Arts Association and the Victoria Symphony; moreover, she sang with the Victoria Bach Festival and mentored numerous actors and tech personnel; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about history as well, Ms. Matthews went on numerous archaeological digs around Texas and donated several of the artifacts she discovered to the Museum of the Coastal Bend; she was also active in the Texas Historical Commission and helped organize a statewide meeting in Victoria; and

WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Matthews enjoyed the love and support of her husband, George Matthews, whom she wed on August 16, 1980; the couple shared a rewarding union that spanned nearly four decades; and

WHEREAS, Although Joyce Matthews will be deeply missed, she has left her family and many friends with a wealth of memories that they will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joyce Kathleen Giddens Matthews and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

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