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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The passing of Debby Hay Spradley of Dallas on May 19, 2019, at the age of 66, has brought great sadness to the family and many friends of this beloved woman; and

WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on December 8, 1952, the former Debby Hay was the daughter of Jess and Betty Jo Hay and the sister of Patty Hay; she attended Hillcrest High School and Southern Methodist University, where she graduated with a degree in journalism, and took her first job at the International Apparel Mart; in 1983, she opened The Hay Agency, a full-service advertising, public relations, and marketing firm, which she operated for nearly 20 years; she sold the core business in 2000 and continued her work as a consultant for Dallas schools and other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spradley shared a rewarding marriage with her husband, Webb Spradley, and cherished her daughters, Jessica and Rachel, and her three granddaughters, Kathryn, Virginia, and Margaret; her desire to support her children and grandchildren led to her involvement as a volunteer at The Hockaday School, where she served as a trustee, as president of The Hockaday Parents' Association, and as chair of The Hockaday Annual Fund Campaign; the institution held a special place in her heart, and in 2014, she had the great satisfaction of being named its director of development; and

WHEREAS, Beyond her work at Hockaday, Ms. Spradley served on the boards of such groups as Planned Parenthood of North Texas, the Dallas Women's Foundation, Educational First Steps, Uplift Education, the ChildCare Group, and The Dallas Assembly; she was also a former member of the parents' advisory boards of both The University of Texas at Austin and Stanford University; a hardworking and fiercely determined woman, she was a champion for the causes in which she believed, and she excelled at every endeavor she undertook; she was also known for her kind and selfless nature, and she could always be counted on to be a caring friend and counselor; and

WHEREAS, Although Debby Hay Spradley is deeply missed, she will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by her treasured family and by the countless other people whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Debby Hay Spradley and extend heartfelt condolences to all those 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 Debby Hay Spradley.