

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Admired philanthropist Louise Herrington Ornelas of  
2 Tyler passed away on December 18, 2018, at the age of 93; and

3           WHEREAS, Born to Bill and Minnie Herrington in Las Cruces,  
4 New Mexico, on June 15, 1925, the former Lou Herrington grew up on a  
5 tenant farm in Arp as the second of seven children; she married  
6 Martin Eugene Pettis and following his untimely death, she was  
7 joined in matrimony to Robert M. "Bob" Rogers; they founded TCA  
8 Cable TV in 1981, and as they were building their business, she took  
9 on many responsibilities, even flagging traffic while her husband  
10 climbed poles; after a divorce, she married Joseph Z. Ornelas in  
11 1992; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Ornelas volunteered in Tyler hospitals as a  
13 Pink Lady for three decades, and she was a longtime benefactor of  
14 the nursing program at Baylor University; in 1999, she and  
15 Mr. Ornelas gave a \$13 million endowment to the School of Nursing,  
16 which Baylor renamed in her honor; the couple later made the lead  
17 gift for the purchase of a building in Dallas for use as the new  
18 academic home of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing;  
19 "Ms. Lou," as she was known, took particular delight in giving  
20 scholarships to numerous students who could not otherwise afford to  
21 pursue a career in the field, and she established both The Lou  
22 Ornelas Endowment for the School of Nursing and The Louise  
23 Herrington Endowed Scholarship Fund in Nursing; moreover, she was a  
24 major donor for the Rogers Engineering and Computer Science

1 Building; and

2           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Ornelas also gave generously to  
3 Tyler Junior College, providing resources for many scholarships, as  
4 well as for women's athletic programs, the Rogers Student Center,  
5 the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, and the Ornelas  
6 Hall Complex; the Ornelases funded a number of facilities at The  
7 University of Texas at Tyler, among them the Fine and Visual Arts  
8 Complex and the Louise Herrington Patriot Center, and they endowed  
9 a professorship and scholarships in nursing, engineering, fine  
10 arts, and education; in addition, they were tremendous benefactors  
11 of East Texas Baptist University, Christus Trinity Mother Frances  
12 Health System, and Brook Hill School; Mrs. Ornelas served on the  
13 boards of ETBU and TJC and on the UT-Tyler Development Board, and  
14 she took on leadership roles in a host of civic and charitable  
15 organizations, including the East Texas Symphony League and the  
16 Salvation Army; a woman of strong faith, she was a member of Green  
17 Acres Baptist Church for 55 years; and

18           WHEREAS, Baylor granted Mrs. Ornelas an honorary nursing  
19 degree, and it conferred on her some of its highest honors, among  
20 them the Founder's Medal, the James Huckins Medallion, and the  
21 Herbert H. Reynolds Exemplary Service Award; she was presented with  
22 honorary degrees from Tyler Junior College and East Texas Baptist  
23 University as well, and her myriad accolades included the national  
24 Horatio Alger Award; in 2001, she and her husband received the  
25 T. B. Butler Award recognizing Tyler's most outstanding citizens,  
26 and their contributions to higher education earned them the  
27 prestigious 2012 Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal; and

1           WHEREAS, Through her altruism and tireless civic engagement,  
2 Louise Herrington Ornelas touched the lives of innumerable people,  
3 and although she will be deeply missed, those who were privileged to  
4 know her will forever remember her warmth, kindness, and wonderful  
5 sense of humor; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Louise Herrington  
8 Ornelas and extend sincere condolences to the members of her  
9 family: to her husband of 26 years, Joseph Z. Ornelas; to her  
10 daughters, Becky Wangner and her husband, Rob, Sheryl Palmer, Cindy  
11 Scott, Rita Seldenrust and her husband, John, and Andrea Wegener  
12 and her husband, Dave; to her sons, Rick Rogers and his wife, Mary  
13 Jane, Randy Rogers and his wife, Brenda, and Russell Rogers and his  
14 wife, Esther; to her 20 grandchildren: Michelle Drewett, Andrea  
15 Lazenby, Richard, Ryan, Austin, Bethany, Rebecca, Reid, Russ, and  
16 Robby Rogers, Connor, David, Jackson, and Molly Wangner, Rachel  
17 Tillery, and Lauren, Elise, Andrew, and Rachel Seldenrust, and  
18 Benjamin Wegener; to her 8 great-grandchildren: Brandon, Daniel,  
19 and Beau Drewett, William and Spencer Lazenby, Chuck and Victoria  
20 Grace Tillery, and Crew Wangner; to her sister, Ann Kimrey; to her  
21 brother, Billy Creel Herrington and his wife, Peggy; and to her many  
22 other relatives and friends.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
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H.R. No. 46

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 46 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House