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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carolyn Ericson, a respected member of the
2 Nacogdoches community, passed away on December 2, 2018, at the age
3 of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Carolyn Reeves was born to Jonathan and
5 Emma Reeves on May 12, 1931, in Fort Stockton; during her youth, her
6 parents took her around the country to track down their lineage, an
7 experience that inspired her own passion for genealogy; and

8 WHEREAS, She married Joe Ericson on July 16, 1955, in
9 Lubbock, and the couple moved to Nacogdoches two years later;
10 there, they raised three children, Linda, Joseph, and John, and
11 with the passing years, Mrs. Ericson had the privilege of welcoming
12 into her family three grandchildren, Jonathan, Angela, and William,
13 and two great-grandchildren, Lexington and Evelyn; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Mrs. Ericson
15 performed extensive historical research, collecting approximately
16 \$200,000 worth of literature and cataloguing cemetery and census
17 records, and she also clipped and digitized obituaries of some
18 42,000 people buried in Nacogdoches County; in 2018, she donated
19 much of her library to the Stephen F. Austin State University East
20 Texas Research Center; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to her research, Mrs. Ericson
22 established her own publishing company, Ericson Books, authored
23 more than 100 books, and wrote a weekly genealogical column,
24 "Kissin' Kuzzins," which appeared in several East Texas newspapers

1 for more than four decades; she also served as curator of the Old
2 Stone Fort Museum from 1972 to 1980 and took an active role in
3 numerous genealogical and heritage societies, including the
4 Daughters of the Republic of Texas; moreover, she was a longtime
5 congregant of First United Methodist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, While the death of Carolyn Ericson brings
7 immeasurable sorrow to her family and friends, she leaves behind a
8 legacy that will forever be treasured by all those who held her
9 dear; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Carolyn Ericson and
12 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carolyn
17 Ericson.