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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Anh Nguyen Reiss passed away on February 26,
2 2016, at the age of 48 after realizing many exceptional
3 achievements as a doctor and as an advocate for bone marrow
4 donation; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of South Vietnam, Anh Reiss immigrated with
6 her family to the United States as a young girl and grew up in New
7 Orleans; she later relocated to Houston, where she graduated as
8 salutatorian of North Shore Senior High School and received her
9 undergraduate degree in economics from Rice University; after
10 earning her medical degree cum laude from the State University of
11 New York at Brooklyn, she began her medical practice at Memorial
12 Hermann Southwest Hospital; she went on to deliver thousands of
13 newborns over the course of her career as an obstetrician and
14 gynecologist, and she found great fulfillment in her work; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2009, Dr. Reiss was diagnosed with a
16 myelodysplastic syndrome, a preleukemic condition that can only be
17 cured with a bone marrow transplant; she faced great difficulty in
18 finding a donor match, due to the fact that people of Vietnamese
19 descent were among the least represented on the national bone
20 marrow registry; with the support of her family, including her
21 husband, Joshua, and two children, Alexandra and Aaron, she spread
22 the word in the Vietnamese American community about the need for
23 donations; the work of Dr. Reiss and her team of volunteers
24 ultimately helped more than double the number of registered

1 Vietnamese bone marrow donors; although Dr. Reiss succumbed to her
2 illness before her match was found, she was instrumental in
3 connecting numerous other patients with viable donors; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Anh Reiss made a positive difference in numerous
5 lives, and memories of her courage and commitment continue to
6 inspire those who are carrying on her quest to promote bone marrow
7 donation; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Anh Nguyen
10 Reiss and commend her outstanding efforts as a donation advocate;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.