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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Denton lost an esteemed resident with
2 the passing of Dr. Bettye Myers on February 18, 2019, at the age of
3 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Bettye Myers was born to Jay and Gladys Myers on
5 September 26, 1926, in Heavener, Oklahoma, where she grew up with
6 the companionship of her brother, William; after high school, she
7 enrolled at Texas Woman's University and graduated in 1946 with a
8 bachelor's degree in health, physical education, and recreation,
9 with a minor in government and sociology; the following year, she
10 earned her master's degree from TWU, and in 1960, she completed her
11 Ph.D. in counseling psychology at the University of Michigan; and

12 WHEREAS, A passionate and accomplished educator, Dr. Myers
13 taught at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Alabama
14 College, and the University of Michigan, before returning to her
15 alma mater of TWU as a faculty member in 1961; she was the recipient
16 of the TWU Cornaro Award for Outstanding Senior Faculty, among
17 various other accolades recognizing her professional and civic
18 contributions; after her retirement, she was named a professor
19 emerita, and in 2016, the university's butterfly garden was named
20 after her; in addition to her teaching career, she was a
21 sought-after motivational speaker who conducted hundreds of
22 workshops and seminars for audiences in the United States and Guam;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Myers was elected to the Denton Independent

1 School District Board of Trustees, which she went on to serve as
2 president, and the district later honored her with the dedication
3 of a middle school bearing her name; she also benefited numerous
4 other organizations, including AIDS Services of North Texas, the
5 Girl Scouts Cross Timbers Council, the Denton Parks Foundation, the
6 Denton Family Resource Center, Kiwanis International, and the
7 United Way of Denton County; in recognition of her exemplary civic
8 leadership, the City of Denton declared September 26, 2006, as
9 "Bettye Myers Day"; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of 92 years of life well lived,
11 Dr. Bettye Myers distinguished herself as a pillar of both her
12 profession and her community, and she will be fondly remembered and
13 deeply missed by all who had the good fortune to know her; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Bettye Myers
17 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family: to Paula
18 Fawn Daniels, Anita and Jim Trojan, Kay Lynn and David Huddleston,
19 Amy and Matt Thielke, Dr. Ryan Trojan and Kaci Trojan, Dr. Brandon
20 Trojan and Sara Trojan, and Kyle and Rachel Huddleston; to her
21 longtime friends, Robbie Reid, Pat Miller, and Kay Kolb; and to her
22 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Bettye
26 Myers.