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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of
2 Freeda George Foreman of Houston, who passed away on March 9, 2019,
3 at the age of 42; and

4 WHEREAS, Freeda Foreman was born in Houston on October 16,
5 1976, the daughter of Mary Joan Martelly and boxing legend George
6 Foreman; she grew up in a family that included five brothers, George
7 Foreman Jr., George Foreman III, George Foreman IV, George Foreman
8 V, and George Foreman VI, and six sisters, Michi Foreman, Leola
9 Foreman, Natalia Foreman, Isabella Brenda Lilja Foreman, Courtney
10 Isaac Foreman, and Georgetta Foreman; she later shared her life
11 with her husband, her two children, and her three grandchildren;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Determined to follow in her father's footsteps as a
14 boxer, Ms. Foreman made her professional debut on June 18, 2000,
15 winning that bout by a technical knockout; she fought five more
16 times over the next year and a half, triumphing in all but the final
17 match before retiring in November 2001; and

18 WHEREAS, Outside the ring, Ms. Foreman furthered the sport
19 through her work as a boxing promoter in her role as executive
20 director of her father's gym, the George Foreman Youth and
21 Community Center; in addition, she appeared in several documentary
22 films and lent her voice to an episode of the animated television
23 series *King of the Hill*; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Foreman held degrees from Lone Star Community

1 College and Texas Southern University, and she most recently earned
2 a master's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State
3 University; and

4 WHEREAS, A dedicated athlete and a loving family member,
5 Freeda Foreman will be deeply missed, and those who held her dear
6 will forever remember the warmth and kindness she brought into
7 their lives; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Freeda George
10 Foreman and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her passing;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Freeda
15 George Foreman.