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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 10, 2019, marks the second anniversary of the
2 death of Molly Jane Matheson of Fort Worth, and this solemn occasion
3 provides an opportunity to honor her memory and to recognize
4 Project Beloved, which was founded by her parents; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 18, 1994, in Fairfax, Virginia, Molly
6 was the Mathesons' only daughter and a devoted sister to her three
7 brothers, Nick, Ben, and Max; she resided for most of her life in
8 Winter Park, Florida, which she considered to be her home, and she
9 later moved with her family to Texas in 2010; deeply devoted to her
10 faith, she was an active member of her church and a frequent youth
11 volunteer at its vacation Bible school in the summer; and

12 WHEREAS, Following her graduation from Timber Creek High
13 School in Fort Worth, Molly Matheson attended the University of
14 Arkansas for three years and then enrolled at Tarrant County
15 College; she had a special rapport with children, and she looked
16 forward to helping those in need as a social worker after earning
17 her degree; and

18 WHEREAS, The tragic circumstances of Molly's murder on April
19 10, 2017, at the age of 22, led her parents, David and Tracy
20 Matheson, to establish Project Beloved, with the mission to change
21 the conversation about sexual assault and to empower sexual assault
22 survivors; in the hope of sparing other families from the
23 heartbreak they have suffered, the Mathesons have advocated for
24 improvements in the way that law enforcement tracks sex offenders,

1 and they have also worked to make the process of reporting rape less
2 traumatic; moreover, their organization is awarding scholarships
3 to college students majoring in social work; and

4 WHEREAS, While Molly Matheson's senseless death deprived the
5 world of her promise, her spirit endures in the passion and
6 commitment of those who are carrying on the important work of
7 Project Beloved and who are channeling their profound grief into
8 meaningful change; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Molly Jane Matheson
11 and commend David and Tracy Matheson for their efforts through
12 Project Beloved; and, be it further

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