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H.R. No. 1283

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Joyce Kathleen Giddens Matthews on April 6, 2019, at the
3 age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Joyce Giddens was born to J. T. and Effie
5 Giddens on October 15, 1947, in Refugio; after graduating from
6 Victoria High School, she continued her education at Our Lady of the
7 Lake University and Trinity University in San Antonio; and

8 WHEREAS, A talented artist, Ms. Matthews began winning
9 prizes and selling her artwork at an early age, and she painted sets
10 for many Victoria Independent School District productions before
11 and after her graduation; over the years, she designed lighting for
12 Theatre Victoria, served as a technical director for musicals at
13 Victoria College, and worked as a stage and production manager with
14 the Victoria Fine Arts Association and the Victoria Symphony;
15 moreover, she sang with the Victoria Bach Festival and mentored
16 numerous actors and tech personnel; and

17 WHEREAS, Passionate about history as well, Ms. Matthews went
18 on numerous archaeological digs around Texas and donated several of
19 the artifacts she discovered to the Museum of the Coastal Bend; she
20 was also active in the Texas Historical Commission and helped
21 organize a statewide meeting in Victoria; and

22 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Matthews enjoyed the love
23 and support of her husband, George Matthews, whom she wed on August
24 16, 1980; the couple shared a rewarding union that spanned nearly

1 four decades; and

2 WHEREAS, Although Joyce Matthews will be deeply missed, she
3 has left her family and many friends with a wealth of memories that
4 they will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joyce Kathleen
7 Giddens Matthews and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn
8 her passing; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joyce
12 Matthews.