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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Dr. Mary Elizabeth Laing Springs,
3 superintendent of Three Rivers Independent School District, on
4 February 13, 2019, at the age of 54; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of the Reverend Charles Laing Sr. and
6 Peggy Ann Donaldson Laing, the former Mary Laing was born in Austin
7 on December 17, 1964; she grew up with the companionship of two
8 siblings, Charles and Nicole, and moved frequently throughout the
9 state in her youth due to her father's career as a preacher; in the
10 eighth grade, she relocated with her family to Georgetown, and she
11 went on to graduate from Georgetown High School, where she was a
12 state champion on the debate team; an alumna of Centenary College of
13 Louisiana, she earned a master's degree from Texas State University
14 in 1996 and an educational doctorate from Texas A&M University in
15 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Springs taught school in Killeen, Lake Jackson,
17 and Lockhart and transitioned into administration when she was
18 hired as an assistant principal and principal in Seguin ISD; after
19 serving as the principal of Navarro High School in Geronimo, she
20 moved to Kingsville in 2006 to become superintendent of Santa
21 Gertrudis ISD, where she notably helped to establish the district's
22 football program; she joined Three Rivers ISD as superintendent in
23 2016; known for always putting students first in all of her
24 decisions, she found much fulfillment in having the opportunity to

1 help young people build a foundation for future success; and

2 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Dr. Springs enjoyed the love
3 and support of her husband, Wayne Springs; she took great pride in
4 her daughters, Elizabeth, Grace, and Madison, and her life was
5 further enriched by the affection she shared with her siblings, her
6 nieces, Chelsea and Calista, her nephew, Chase, and her cherished
7 bulldog, Bossy; and

8 WHEREAS, The loss of Dr. Mary Springs is keenly felt by her
9 loved ones, her friends, and the many individuals whose lives she
10 touched over the course of her stellar career in education, and they
11 will forever treasure their memories of this remarkable woman; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Mary Elizabeth
15 Laing Springs and extend deepest condolences to all those who mourn
16 her passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Mary
20 Springs.