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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Nancy McJunkin Scalise of Austin on  
2 March 5, 2019, at the age of 75, has deeply saddened all who knew  
3 her; and

4           WHEREAS, Born to James Nelson McJunkin and Julia Ellen Bass  
5 McJunkin in Wetumpka, Alabama, on November 11, 1943, the former  
6 Nancy McJunkin grew up with a younger brother, Jim; her father's  
7 career in the U.S. Air Force took the family to many locations, and  
8 during several formative years in Okinawa, Japan, she developed a  
9 love of Japanese art and culture, as well as a passion for travel,  
10 adventure, and archaeology; she studied theater at the University  
11 of Alabama before completing her education at Tulane University in  
12 New Orleans; and

13           WHEREAS, She settled in the French Quarter and married a  
14 fellow resident, James Scalise, in December 1976; they became the  
15 proud parents of two sons, Jason and Justin; a loving and devoted  
16 mother, Ms. Scalise instilled in her children an abiding interest  
17 in theater, reading, and language, and her sunny optimism informed  
18 their upbringing; and

19           WHEREAS, Early in her career, Ms. Scalise worked as a fashion  
20 buyer and model for Maison Blanche department store; she went on to  
21 teach English and administer tests in the gifted and talented  
22 program in New Orleans public schools, and she earned a number of  
23 awards for her teaching and writing; she founded and published *G/T*,  
24 *the Gifted and Talented Newsletter*, as a resource for her fellow

1 educators; and

2 WHEREAS, Dedicated to her historic neighborhood, she  
3 established an activist group, Vieux Carré Voice, that focused the  
4 attention of city officials on the needs of the district; in the  
5 wake of Hurricane Katrina, she relocated to Austin to be near  
6 family, and she continued her civic engagement, volunteering in the  
7 theater community and at the Next-to-New Shop of St. David's  
8 Episcopal Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Nancy Scalise brightened the days of innumerable  
10 people through the years, and although she is greatly missed, those  
11 who were fortunate enough to know her will forever cherish their  
12 memories of her warmth, elegance, and generosity; now, therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Nancy McJunkin  
16 Scalise and extend sincere condolences to her husband, James  
17 Scalise; to her sons, Jason and Justin Scalise; to her brother,  
18 James McJunkin Jr., and his wife, Beth; and to her other relatives  
19 and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nancy  
23 McJunkin Scalise.