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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Martha Pattillo Siv on December 14,  
2 2016, at the age of 71, concluded a remarkable life of service and  
3 entrepreneurship; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Ellice and Jean Pattillo, the former  
5 Martha Pattillo was born in Pampa on December 1, 1945; she completed  
6 both a bachelor's degree in French and a master's degree in library  
7 and information science at The University of Texas at Austin; after  
8 working in Bangkok, Thailand, for the United Nations Educational,  
9 Scientific and Cultural Organization, she transferred to the  
10 U.N. headquarters in New York City; she visited more than 40  
11 countries while helping to develop library and information science  
12 operations for various U.N. agencies; along the way, she founded  
13 South China Seas, a handicraft import business that helped women in  
14 developing countries achieve economic independence; and

15           WHEREAS, She met her future husband, Sichan Siv, in New York  
16 in 1977, and they married at the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa  
17 on Christmas Eve 1983; his appointment as deputy assistant to  
18 President George H. W. Bush took them to Washington, D.C., where  
19 Mrs. Siv was employed as a senior information manager for the World  
20 Bank; when Mr. Siv became a U.S. ambassador to the U.N. in 2001,  
21 Mrs. Siv's knowledge of international cultures and fluency in six  
22 languages proved invaluable in supporting his endeavors, and she  
23 used the opportunity to champion American freedom and opportunity;  
24 the couple retired to San Antonio in 2006, and Mrs. Siv gave

1 generously of her time and talents as a member of the First  
2 Presbyterian Church, Teachers Across Borders, Friends of Khmer  
3 Culture, Caring for Cambodia, the 100 Club of San Antonio, and other  
4 organizations; in addition, she was a member of the advisory  
5 council to the UT School of Information, which named its Martha Lee  
6 Pattillo Siv Doctoral Student Lounge in her honor; the Pampa City  
7 Commission recognized her contributions by dubbing a section of the  
8 public library the Martha Pattillo Siv Children's Library; and

9       WHEREAS, Martha Pattillo Siv set an inspiring example through  
10 her dedication to her family, her faith, her community, and her  
11 country, and she is remembered with admiration and affection by all  
12 who were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Martha Pattillo Siv  
15 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be  
16 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 Martha  
20 Pattillo Siv.