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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Debby Hay Spradley of Dallas on May
2 19, 2019, at the age of 66, has brought great sadness to the family
3 and many friends of this beloved woman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on December 8, 1952, the former Debby
5 Hay was the daughter of Jess and Betty Jo Hay and the sister of Patty
6 Hay; she attended Hillcrest High School and Southern Methodist
7 University, where she graduated with a degree in journalism, and
8 took her first job at the International Apparel Mart; in 1983, she
9 opened The Hay Agency, a full-service advertising, public
10 relations, and marketing firm, which she operated for nearly 20
11 years; she sold the core business in 2000 and continued her work as
12 a consultant for Dallas schools and other nonprofit organizations;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Spradley shared a rewarding marriage with her
15 husband, Webb Spradley, and cherished her daughters, Jessica and
16 Rachel, and her three granddaughters, Kathryn, Virginia, and
17 Margaret; her desire to support her children and grandchildren led
18 to her involvement as a volunteer at The Hockaday School, where she
19 served as a trustee, as president of The Hockaday Parents'
20 Association, and as chair of The Hockaday Annual Fund Campaign; the
21 institution held a special place in her heart, and in 2014, she had
22 the great satisfaction of being named its director of development;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Beyond her work at Hockaday, Ms. Spradley served on

1 the boards of such groups as Planned Parenthood of North Texas, the
2 Dallas Women's Foundation, Educational First Steps, Uplift
3 Education, the ChildCare Group, and The Dallas Assembly; she was
4 also a former member of the parents' advisory boards of both The
5 University of Texas at Austin and Stanford University; a
6 hardworking and fiercely determined woman, she was a champion for
7 the causes in which she believed, and she excelled at every endeavor
8 she undertook; she was also known for her kind and selfless nature,
9 and she could always be counted on to be a caring friend and
10 counselor; and

11 WHEREAS, Although Debby Hay Spradley is deeply missed, she
12 will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by her
13 treasured family and by the countless other people whose lives she
14 touched; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Debby Hay Spradley and
17 extend heartfelt condolences to all those who mourn her passing;
18 and, be it further

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