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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 Shirley Smith Shoquist of Rockwall on June 28, 2021, at
3 the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Maurice D. Smith and Alpha Amanda
5 Torres Smith, the former Shirley Smith was born on October 1, 1936,
6 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and she grew up with the companionship
7 of three siblings, Dale, Barbara, and Carol; in 1954, she graduated
8 from John Harris High School and later earned her bachelor's degree
9 in English and public speaking from Denison University; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shoquist enjoyed a distinguished 20-year
11 career at Rockwall High School, where she taught English and
12 founded a speech and drama department; she was also a successful
13 speech and debate coach and coordinator for University
14 Interscholastic League competitions; in 1994, she was acknowledged
15 for her excellence by Who's Who Among America's Teachers; she
16 retired from Rockwall High in 1996 and continued teaching at
17 Richland College; in addition, she volunteered with the Pregnancy
18 Resource Center, and she was a member of the Retired Teachers
19 Association, Reviews Book Club, the Rockwall Literary Club,
20 Rockwall Supper Club, and Aspasians; a woman of deep faith, she was
21 active at First Baptist Church of Heath and, later, at Lakepointe
22 Church, and she hosted a weekly Bible study; and

23 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Mrs. Shoquist enjoyed the
24 love and support of her husband, Bruce Shoquist, with whom she

1 shared a fulfilling marriage of 62 years; she took great pride in
2 her four children, Sheri, Steve, Stacy, and Shannon, and with the
3 passing years, she had the pleasure of seeing her family grow to
4 include eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to her family, her faith, and her
6 community, Shirley Shoquist earned the lasting respect and
7 admiration of all who were privileged to know her; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
11 of Shirley Smith Shoquist and extend sincere condolences to her
12 loved ones; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shirley
16 Shoquist.