H.R. No. 160

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories of Chantal Vessali of College Station, who passed away on October 5, 2021, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Gustave and Hélène Vial, the former Chantal Vial was born in Annecy, France, on March 23, 1943, and she grew up with the companionship of a sister, Michelle; she studied art history in Florence, Italy, where she met her future husband, Parviz Vessali, and the couple were later blessed with a daughter, Elianor; and

WHEREAS, After immigrating to the United States in 1967, Mrs. Vessali established the French School in Houston to serve French expatriate families who worked in the oil industry; in the mid-1970s, she moved with her family to Iran and transferred ownership of the school to the Mission Laïque Française; the school eventually became the Awty International School; and

WHEREAS, Soon after the start of the Iranian Revolution, the Vessali family returned to Houston; Mrs. Vessali went on to teach French at Lamar High School, and she later served as head of Lower School and Pre-School at the Awty International School, where she implemented a total immersion dual language program; and

WHEREAS, While attending the University of Houston, Mrs. Vessali worked part-time at Foley's, and her keen sense of fashion earned her a job offer to become a floor model for the department store; after the mid-1980s, she and her family relocated to New York, and she accepted a position with Genny fashion house; over the course of her career, she traveled throughout North America to direct trunk shows and conduct fashion clinics; and

WHEREAS, The Vessali family ultimately settled in College Station, where they have owned several rental properties; dedicated to conservative principles, Mrs. Vessali volunteered her time to recruit and support a number of political candidates; in her leisure hours, she enjoyed traveling to France, Switzerland, and Italy; and

WHEREAS, Chantal Vessali lived a full and generous life surrounded by those she loved, and they will forever carry her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Chantal Vessali and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chantal Vessali.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 160 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 18, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House