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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 Eleanor Clarice Johnson Roe of Austin on September 13,
3 2021, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Daisy Lee Monroe and Frank Lawson
5 Johnson, the former Eleanor Johnson was born in Austin on May 18,
6 1942; a talented artist from an early age, she presented her work in
7 an exhibit at Laguna Gloria Art Museum; she also participated in
8 numerous extracurricular activities while attending L. C. Anderson
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 6, 1959, she married Rudell Roe Jr., with
11 whom she shared a fulfilling union that spanned more than six
12 decades; the couple became the proud parents of two children,
13 Phyllis Marie and the late Darryl Gerard Roe; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Roe began her career with Tracor, where she
15 became the first Black supervisor of advertising and distribution;
16 subsequently, she joined Atlanta Life Insurance Company as a
17 cashier and bookkeeper, and she went on to serve as an assistant
18 cashier officer at Austin National Bank; she was later employed
19 with the Texas State Treasury, where she distinguished herself as
20 the first Black female division director and served under three
21 state treasurers, Ann Richards, Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Martha
22 Whitehead, before embarking on a rewarding tenure as the office
23 manager for Allergy and Asthma Consultants; and

24 WHEREAS, A woman of deep faith, Mrs. Roe was active in

1 several congregations over the years, including Rehoboth Primitive
2 Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church; in 1996, she and her
3 family joined Mount Olive Baptist Church, where she was involved in
4 Mission 1, Women in Motion, Mount Olive Senior Saints, and the First
5 Impressions Ministry; in her leisure time, she enjoyed bowling and
6 going fishing with her husband; and

7 WHEREAS, Admired for her kindness, enthusiasm, and
8 generosity, Eleanor Roe brightened the world for all who knew her,
9 and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 Eleanor Clarice Johnson Roe and extend sincere condolences to her
14 loved ones; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eleanor
18 Roe.