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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Chantal Vessali of College Station, who passed away on October 5,
3 2021, at the age of 78; and

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

10 WHEREAS, After immigrating to the United States in 1967,
11 Mrs. Vessali established the French School in Houston to serve
12 French expatriate families who worked in the oil industry; in the
13 mid-1970s, she moved with her family to Iran and transferred
14 ownership of the school to the Mission La ique Fran aise; the school
15 eventually became the Awty International School; and

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

21 WHEREAS, While attending the University of Houston,
22 Mrs. Vessali worked part-time at Foley's, and her keen sense of
23 fashion earned her a job offer to become a floor model for the
24 department store; after the mid-1980s, she and her family relocated

1 to New York, and she accepted a position with Genny fashion house;
2 over the course of her career, she traveled throughout North
3 America to direct trunk shows and conduct fashion clinics; and

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

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

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