H.R. No. 510

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A full and generous life dedicated to helping others has drawn to a close with the death of Melode Seremet, the founder of the Paws for Reflection therapeutic ranch in Midlothian, on February 14, 2021, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Melode Seremet was born in Winchester, Virginia, on December 26, 1958, and she moved with her parents to Mississippi and Florida; she began her career as an IT analyst for a hospital in Stuart, Florida, and later worked in nursing administration; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Ms. Seremet moved to Texas, where she became involved in community affairs, serving as a board member of her local library, as activity director for the chamber of commerce, as a volunteer for the school district, and as the director of several nonprofit organizations; she also returned to school and studied to become a licensed veterinary technician; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by a dream, Ms. Seremet founded the nonprofit Paws for Reflection Ranch in 2007; the 15-acre animal-assisted activity and therapy facility offers individuals and families the opportunity to work with licensed professional therapists and therapy animals; clients include children with special needs, veterans dealing with PTSD, and people suffering from anxiety, depression, and other disorders; the therapy animals include horses, goats, rabbits, and miniature pot-bellied pigs; until her death, Ms. Seremet managed the ranch's day-to-day operations, overseeing the care of the animals, greeting new guests, and raising funds and developing community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Seremet enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Stan, with whom she shared 34 years, and she took great pride in their daughter, Mandy; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with a compassionate heart and a spirit of innovation, Melode Seremet created a unique organization that has helped thousands of people in need, and she leaves behind a legacy of kindness and concern for others that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Melode Seremet and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Stan Seremet; to her daughter, Mandy Davis, and her husband, Bryce; to her granddaughter, Chloe Davis; and to her other relatives and many friends; 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 Melode Seremet.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 510 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 9, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House