H.R. No. 1472

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk of Dallas celebrated her 44th birthday on May 14, 2021, to the great delight of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Debra Rutherford Thompson and John Philp Thompson Sr., the former Mary Ann Thompson was born in Mexico in 1977 and grew up in Dallas; as a child, she experienced hearing loss and other health issues, but she learned from her father to embrace challenges as opportunities to grow stronger and find ways to make the world a better place; she became an admired artist, receiving such major accolades as the ARTV Sculptor of the Year award; in addition, she has served on the advisory board of the Visual Arts Coalition of Dallas, which represents more than 7,500 artists, and she donated space to the organization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson-Frenk has been very involved in philanthropy, human rights, and the environment, as well as the arts, and she has served on the boards of numerous worthwhile organizations; with her husband, Joshua Frenk, she founded the Memnosyne Institute, and she serves as president of the organization, which encourages positive, peaceful global collaboration in all areas of knowledge; during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Thompson-Frenk guided the Memnosyne Institute in addressing the need for KN95 reusable masks for indigenous communities across the country; the couple also established the John Philp Thompson Foundation, which supports research on non-radiation/non-chemotherapy cures for glioblastoma; much in demand internationally as a speaker, Ms. Thompson-Frenk has addressed organizations from the United Nations and TEDx to the Parliament of World Religions; she was the first major investor in Dallas-based Women That Soar; among numerous accolades, she has received the 2018 Civic Pioneer Award and the Southern Methodist University Profiles in Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, With the passage of another year, Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk may reflect with pride on her wide-ranging accomplishments and on the many significant contributions she has made in behalf of her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk on her 44th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. Thompson-Frenk as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1472 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House