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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Karen Kromer Harrison, who passed away on January 11, 2021, at  
4 the age of 91; and

5           WHEREAS, The daughter of Earl and Nell Kromer, the former  
6 Karen Kromer was born in Shamrock on June 27, 1929; she studied  
7 political science at The University of Texas and married her  
8 childhood sweetheart, Clanton Bedford "Scoot" Harrison Jr.;  
9 Mrs. Harrison completed her degree at the University of Houston,  
10 and she and her husband raised their family in Bunker Hill Village,  
11 sharing 55 years together before his death in 2002; and

12           WHEREAS, Active in her community, Mrs. Harrison volunteered  
13 her time with families at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer  
14 Center and led its Children's Christmas Card Project; the program  
15 gained national acclaim under her leadership, and she was honored  
16 with the creation of the Karen Harrison Service Award; she also  
17 received the Houston Mayor's Award and the National Points of Light  
18 Award from President Bill Clinton in recognition of her work;  
19 moreover, she and her husband were founding members of the Texas A&M  
20 Foundation President's Endowed Scholarship program; and

21           WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrison treasured time spent with her three  
22 children, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Clanton, and she took great pride  
23 in her seven grandchildren; possessed of a boundless sense of  
24 adventure, she enjoyed traveling with her family to countries

1 around the world, and she loved snorkeling, scuba diving, and  
2 camping; deeply devoted to her faith, she was involved with  
3 outreach at West University Baptist Church and participated in  
4 mission trips; and

5 WHEREAS, Karen Harrison was a woman of great compassion who  
6 remained engaged in the world throughout her life and who found joy  
7 and inspiration in helping others; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Karen Kromer Harrison  
10 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her  
11 daughters, Sarah Harrison and her husband, Jeff, and Elizabeth  
12 Blakemore and her husband, Allen; to her son, Clanton Harrison, and  
13 his wife, Selby; to her grandchildren, Seth, James, Leah, Theodore,  
14 Augustus, Charlotte, and Sarah; and to her other relatives and  
15 friends; and, be it further

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