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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life dedicated to helping others 2 has drawn to a close with the death of Melode Seremet, the founder 3 of the Paws for Reflection therapeutic ranch in Midlothian, on 4 February 14, 2021, at the age of 62; and

5 WHEREAS, Melode Seremet was born in Winchester, Virginia, on 6 December 26, 1958, and she moved with her parents to Mississippi and 7 Florida; she began her career as an IT analyst for a hospital in 8 Stuart, Florida, and later worked in nursing administration; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1993, Ms. Seremet moved to Texas, where she 10 became involved in community affairs, serving as a board member of 11 her local library, as activity director for the chamber of 12 commerce, as a volunteer for the school district, and as the 13 director of several nonprofit organizations; she also returned to 14 school and studied to become a licensed veterinary technician; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by a dream, Ms. Seremet founded the 15 nonprofit Paws for Reflection Ranch in 2007; the 16 15-acre animal-assisted activity and therapy facility offers individuals 17 and families the opportunity to work with licensed professional 18 therapists and therapy animals; clients include children with 19 special needs, veterans dealing with PTSD, and people suffering 20 21 from anxiety, depression, and other disorders; the therapy animals include horses, goats, rabbits, and miniature pot-bellied pigs; 22 23 until her death, Ms. Seremet managed the ranch's day-to-day operations, overseeing the care of the animals, greeting new 24

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1 guests, and raising funds and developing community partnerships; 2 and

3 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Seremet enjoyed the love 4 and support of her husband, Stan, with whom she shared 34 years, and 5 she took great pride in their daughter, Mandy; and

6 WHEREAS, Blessed with a compassionate heart and a spirit of 7 innovation, Melode Seremet created a unique organization that has 8 helped thousands of people in need, and she leaves behind a legacy 9 of kindness and concern for others that will continue to inspire all 10 those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Melode Seremet and 13 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family: to her 14 husband, Stan Seremet; to her daughter, Mandy Davis, and her 15 husband, Bryce; to her granddaughter, Chloe Davis; and to her other 16 relatives and many friends; 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 Melode 20 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.

Chief Clerk of the House