RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk of Dallas celebrated her 2 44th birthday on May 14, 2021, to the great delight of her family

3 and friends; and

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WHEREAS, The daughter of Debra Rutherford Thompson and John 4 5 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 6 loss and other health issues, but she learned from her father to 7 embrace challenges as opportunities to grow stronger and find ways 8 9 to make the world a better place; she became an admired artist, receiving such major accolades as the ARTV Sculptor of the Year 10 11 award; in addition, she has served on the advisory board of the 12 Visual Arts Coalition of Dallas, which represents more than 7,500

artists, and she donated space to the organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson-Frenk has been very involved philanthropy, human rights, and the environment, as well as the 15 arts, and she has served on the boards of numerous worthwhile 16 organizations; with her husband, Joshua Frenk, she founded the 17 Memnosyne Institute, and she serves as president of 18 the organization, which encourages positive, peaceful 19 global collaboration in all areas of knowledge; during the COVID-19 20 21 pandemic, Ms. Thompson-Frenk guided the Memnosyne Institute in addressing the need for KN95 reusable masks for indigenous 22 communities across the country; the couple also established the 23 24 John Philp Thompson Foundation, which supports research

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- 1 non-radiation/non-chemotherapy cures for glioblastoma; much in
- 2 demand internationally as a speaker, Ms. Thompson-Frenk has
- 3 addressed organizations from the United Nations and TEDx to the
- 4 Parliament of World Religions; she was the first major investor in
- 5 Dallas-based Women That Soar; among numerous accolades, she has
- 6 received the 2018 Civic Pioneer Award and the Southern Methodist
- 7 University Profiles in Leadership Award; and
- 8 WHEREAS, With the passage of another year, Mary Ann
- 9 Thompson-Frenk may reflect with pride on her wide-ranging
- 10 accomplishments and on the many significant contributions she has
- 11 made in behalf of her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 13 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk on her 44th
- 14 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and,
- 15 be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for Ms. Thompson-Frenk as an expression of high regard by
- 18 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.

Chief Clerk of the House