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H.R. No. 1472

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Debra Rutherford Thompson and John
5 Philp Thompson Jr., the former Mary Ann Thompson was born in Mexico
6 in 1977 and grew up in Dallas; as a child, she experienced hearing
7 loss and other health issues, but she learned from her father to
8 embrace challenges as opportunities to grow stronger and find ways
9 to make the world a better place; she became an admired artist,
10 receiving such major accolades as the ARTV Sculptor of the Year
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
13 artists, and she donated space to the organization; and

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

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

12 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

16 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.