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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Carolyn Doss Kerns of Gladewater, who passed away on
3 August 19, 2023, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in November 1934, the former Carolyn Doss was
5 one of 10 children born to Leonard and Ludie Doss; she grew up in the
6 East Texas area and graduated from Kilgore High School in 1953; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerns married Kenneth W. Kerns in 1955, and the
8 couple shared a rewarding marriage until his passing in 1991; she
9 was the proud mother of three children, Kevan, Karen, and Kenna, and
10 with the passing years, she had the privilege of seeing her family
11 grow to include five grandchildren, Rachel, Rebeka, Lucas, John,
12 and Reid, and two great-grandchildren, Everett and Leo; and

13 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Kerns was a longtime
14 congregant of First United Methodist Church; she was an active
15 member of the Creative Christians group and particularly enjoyed
16 making Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls; in addition to being a skilled
17 seamstress, she was a talented cook, and over the years, her
18 homemade brownies brought joy to many; and

19 WHEREAS, Although Carolyn Kerns will be deeply missed, those
20 who held her dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness she
21 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
23 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carolyn Doss
24 Kerns and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:

1 to her children, Kevan Kerns and his wife, Terry, Karen Carson and
2 her husband, Richard, and Kenna Cook and her husband, Larry; to her
3 grandchildren, Rachel Haynes and her husband, Kevin, Rebeka Eaton
4 and her husband, Jared, Lucas Cook and his wife, Courtney, John
5 Robert Carson and his wife, Jordan, and Reid Carson; to her
6 great-grandchildren, Everett Haynes and Leo Cook; and to her other
7 relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
10 day, it do so in memory of Carolyn Kerns.