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# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Eva Charlotte Hahn of Temple on July 9, 2025, at the age  
3 of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Jaroslav and Marie Riha, the former  
5 Eva Karolina Marie Riha was born in Jihlava, Czechoslovakia, on  
6 February 2, 1938; her family resisted the invading Nazi regime and  
7 then escaped communism in 1950 by hiding in a produce van; as a  
8 refugee in Australia, she worked at Commonwealth Serum Laboratories  
9 and was chosen to help develop the country's first batch of the Salk  
10 polio vaccine; the Rihas were finally able to move to the U.S. in  
11 1958, and she became a lab technician at the Southwest Foundation  
12 for Research and Education in San Antonio; after gaining  
13 citizenship in 1963, she married Dr. H. Herbert Hahn II; his career  
14 in the U.S. Foreign Service took them to Cambodia and Ghana, and  
15 they traveled the world extensively; and

16 WHEREAS, The Hahns ultimately settled in Temple to raise  
17 their four children, Carla, Christopher, Catherine, and Steven; an  
18 avid reader with many interests, Mrs. Hahn provided a lively  
19 intellectual environment at home; she was a marvelous cook and  
20 hostess, and her guests were always spellbound by her vivid  
21 storytelling; in addition, she volunteered in the Temple  
22 Independent School District for over a decade and served on the  
23 city's Desegregation Committee, and she was an officer in the  
24 Women's Auxiliary of the Bell County Medical Society, the Good

1 Earth Garden Club, and the Republican Party of Bell County; deeply  
2 patriotic, she sought to promote freedom and democracy and check  
3 the growth of communism; when her children were older, she realized  
4 her dream of entrepreneurship and opened a successful antique  
5 business; she also enjoyed working on the family ranch in western  
6 Bell County; she and her husband shared a fulfilling 59-year  
7 marriage until his passing; devoted to her loved ones, she  
8 continued to prepare take-home gourmet meals for her children and  
9 grandchildren's families until her final months; and

10 WHEREAS, Although Eva Hahn is greatly missed, she leaves  
11 behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held  
12 her dear; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
15 of Eva Charlotte Hahn and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
16 her family: to her sister, Georgina Brand, and her husband, Thomas;  
17 to her children, Carla Clardy and her husband, James Mark,  
18 Christopher Hahn and his wife, Sarah, Catherine Prochko and her  
19 husband, Michael, and Steven Hahn and his wife, Julie; to her  
20 nephews, John Brand and his wife, Ashley, and Paul Brand; to her  
21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives  
22 and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eva  
26 Charlotte Hahn.