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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Molly Essary Smith, an esteemed Texan and a friend
2 to many, passed away on July 8, 2025, at the age of 68; and

3 WHEREAS, The daughter of Dawson and Mary Essary, the former
4 Molly Essary was born on January 18, 1957, in Houston; she grew up
5 sharing a close relationship with her three older sisters, Diana,
6 Deborah, and Candy, and the siblings were collectively known as the
7 "Essary Sisters" or the "YaYas"; Mrs. Smith graduated from Galena
8 Park High School and continued her education at San Jacinto
9 College, where she served on the marching drill team; she went on to
10 study philosophy at Texas A&M University on a Miss Texas
11 scholarship, and she received a degree from the University of
12 Houston-Clear Lake; and

13 WHEREAS, Passionate about helping at-risk youth, Mrs. Smith
14 began her first term as a justice of the peace in 1988, and she went
15 on to serve her fellow citizens for two decades; after retiring in
16 2008, she began a second career as a funeral director and provided
17 comfort and support to grieving families; active in her community,
18 she gave generously of her time and talents to a number of worthy
19 groups, including the Pasadena and Deer Park Chambers of Commerce,
20 the Rotary Club, Camp H-Town, and the San Jacinto College
21 Foundation board; in her leisure time, she enjoyed performing at
22 the Hometown Opry and she loved to travel, visiting all seven
23 continents; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1979, Mrs. Smith married Jimmie Maness, and the

1 couple became the proud parents of three children, Katy, Candace,
2 and Ryan; following the end of their relationship, Mrs. Smith found
3 love again with Carroll Smith, whom she wed in 2014, and they
4 created a blended family that included her stepchildren, W. C. and
5 Brandon; a doting grandmother, she treasured spending time with her
6 grandchildren, Emily, Easton, and Logan, and step-grandchildren,
7 Ashley, Lauren, Charlotte, Ethan, and Julia; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Molly Smith's death has brought great
9 sorrow to those who loved her, her life was an inspiring example of
10 the good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
12 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Molly Essary
13 Smith and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
17 day, it do so in memory of Molly Smith.