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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Mary Barrett Stevens of Austin
2 on July 4, 2025, at the age of eight, has brought an incalculable
3 loss to all those who loved and cherished her; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on December 6, 2016, to Stacy and
5 Johnny Stevens, Mary Stevens was affectionately known as "May May"
6 to her family, which also included her younger siblings, Graham and
7 Lilly, and her beloved dog, Pete; she attended Highland Park
8 Elementary School, where her magnetic personality and her kind and
9 welcoming nature made an impression on her teachers and classmates;
10 she was a natural leader who readily endeared herself to others, and
11 she demonstrated her zest for life as she pursued such activities as
12 art, dance, basketball, and skiing; and

13 WHEREAS, Compassionate, loyal, and cheerful, with a radiant
14 smile and a contagious laugh, Mary made the world a brighter place
15 for everyone around her; she was at her happiest when she was
16 sharing her favorite things with those closest to her, whether she
17 was playing Rummikub and cards with her family, dancing with her
18 friends, or taking her loved ones along on her various adventures;
19 she enjoyed traveling to new places, and aside from home, her
20 favorite place to be was surrounded by her family and friends in
21 Telluride, Colorado; and

22 WHEREAS, Although her time on this earth was far too brief,
23 Mary Stevens was a ray of light in the lives of those who held her
24 dear, and they will never forget the abundant joy that she brought

1 to them; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
3 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Barrett
4 Stevens and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her
5 family: to her parents, Stacy and Johnny Stevens; to her siblings,
6 Graham and Lilly Stevens; to her grandparents, Ann and Edward
7 Stevens and Patti and William Holmes; to her aunt and uncle, Maggie
8 and Sam McNichols; to her cousin, Juliet McNichols; to her
9 great-aunt and -uncle, Cynthia and Peter Sullivan, and their
10 children; to her godparents, Emily and William Bellomy; and to her
11 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
14 day, it do so in memory of Mary Stevens.