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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dorothy Woodruff West of Longview, an esteemed civic
2 leader and a friend to many, passed away on April 30, 2025, at the
3 age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The former "Dot" Graves was born to Floyd and Audrey
5 Graves on September 12, 1939, in Atlanta; a 1958 graduate of
6 Marshall High School, she attended business school and was employed
7 by Southwestern Electric Power Company, where she met her husband,
8 Donald Ray Woodruff; they married in 1960 and lived in Marshall,
9 where they raised two children, Mike and Laura, and shared 35 happy
10 years before Mr. Woodruff's death; she was fortunate enough to find
11 love again and wed Jeff West Sr. in 1998; residents of Longview, the
12 couple spent a decade together until Mr. West's passing; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. West served as a secretary at Wesley United
14 Methodist Church in Marshall until 1980, when she was named
15 administrative secretary to the dean of student affairs at East
16 Texas Baptist University; she earned a bachelor's degree while
17 working full-time, and she subsequently became director of the
18 campus student center, bookstore, and post office; after obtaining
19 an MBA in 1995, she served as an adjunct professor of marketing; she
20 retired from ETBU in 2004; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Mrs. West made invaluable
22 contributions to her fellow citizens; she worked with the Marshall
23 Council of Camp Fire, and she received the Luther Halsey Gulick
24 Award for extraordinary council leadership; continuing to work with

1 youth, she formed the Rainbow Blue Birds Group for girls, and she
2 was presented with honorary life membership in the Texas Congress
3 of Parents and Teachers by the William B. Travis Elementary PTA of
4 Marshall; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to her family, her faith, and her
6 community, Dot West earned the lasting respect and admiration of
7 all who were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
9 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dorothy Woodruff
10 West and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her family:
11 to her children, Mike Woodruff and his wife, Thelma, and Laura
12 Woodruff; to her grandson, Josh West; to her nephews, Steve
13 Woodruff, Gil George, and Chris George, and her niece, Sheri
14 Eudaly; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it
15 further

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