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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Rebecca Wells of Linden on  
2 July 25, 2025, at the age of 49, has brought profound sorrow to her  
3 family, friends, and colleagues; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 16, 1976, in Williamsport,  
5 Pennsylvania, the former Rebecca Ramirez was the daughter of  
6 Richard and Jacqueline Ramirez; while she was a student at Texas A&M  
7 University, she worked for the Texas Department of Transportation;  
8 she graduated from A&M with a civil engineering degree in 1998 and  
9 obtained licensure as a professional engineer; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mrs. Wells embarked on a rewarding  
11 full-time career with TxDOT; early in her tenure, she began  
12 focusing on system safety, and in 2005, she became involved with  
13 projects that researched such issues as curve-related crashes and  
14 vehicle detectors for high-speed intersections; she was named  
15 director of transportation operations for the Atlanta District in  
16 2018, and four years later, she was promoted to district engineer;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Demonstrating a deep commitment to highway safety,  
19 Mrs. Wells piloted several improvements in the Atlanta District  
20 that today are recognized as statewide standards; among them are  
21 the use of prefabricated rumble strips for seal coat pavements and  
22 the widening of pavement striping to help reduce crashes;  
23 Mrs. Wells also installed the state's first intersection conflict  
24 monitoring system, oversaw the rewriting of the TxDOT speed design

1 manual, and lent her expertise to three National Cooperative  
2 Highway Research Program panels; additionally, she belonged to the  
3 TxDOT Council on System Safety, and she worked to reduce roadway  
4 fatalities as a member of a Texas Transportation Commission safety  
5 task force composed of representatives from TxDOT and the state's  
6 metropolitan planning organizations; over the course of a career  
7 spanning nearly a quarter century, she earned a reputation for her  
8 visionary leadership, her intelligence, and her ability to bring  
9 people together; and

10 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Wells was blessed with  
11 the love and support of her husband, Kyle Wells, with whom she  
12 shared a fulfilling marriage of nearly three decades; she took  
13 great pride in their two children, Kayden and Kendall, and she  
14 embraced time spent with her family, finding joy in relaxing at  
15 their beach house, paddleboarding on the lake, and sharing laughter  
16 around the dinner table; her radiant smile could light up a room,  
17 and she adored her dogs, Koda and Maggie Mae; a woman of faith, she  
18 was an active member of First Baptist Church, where she mentored  
19 youth; and

20 WHEREAS, Admired for her strength, generosity, and vibrant  
21 spirit, Rebecca Wells lived a caring and purposeful life, and her  
22 devotion to her family and to the communities she served in her  
23 professional career left a lasting impression on all who were  
24 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st  
26 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rebecca Wells  
27 and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her family: to

1 her husband, Kyle Wells; to her daughters, Kayden Kendrick and her  
2 husband, Kyle, and Kendall Wells; to her parents, Richard  
3 Ramirez Sr. and Jacqueline Ramirez; to her mother-in-law, Linda  
4 Wells; to her siblings, Richard Ramirez Jr. and Kristy Ramirez; to  
5 her brother-in-law, Kerry Wells, and his wife, Erin; to her nieces  
6 and nephews, Asher, Alayna, and Breckin Wells, Hunter Ramirez and  
7 his wife, Molly, and Haven and Lucas Ramirez; and to her many other  
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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