

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and many friends of Katherine Frances
2 Ferruzzo of Houston will forever cherish their memories of this
3 vibrant and beloved young woman, who was tragically lost in the July
4 4, 2025, flooding in Kerr County at the age of 19; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on June 21, 2006, to John and Andrea DeLorenzo
6 Ferruzzo, Katherine Ferruzzo grew up with the companionship of two
7 older brothers, Jack and Vincent; during her time at Memorial High
8 School in Houston, she excelled academically and in several
9 leadership roles, serving as a student council representative for
10 four years and as chapter president of the Texas Association of
11 Future Educators; she also distinguished herself through her
12 membership in both the National Honor Society and the English
13 National Honor Society; her dynamic personality earned her the
14 title of "Life of the Party" by her Class of 2025 peers, and she
15 carried that same contagious energy into her role as head of the
16 senior girls' spirit organization; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Ferruzzo's acceptance to The University of
18 Texas at Austin was a joyous achievement for her and a proud moment
19 for her parents, both of whom are alumni; inspired by her childhood
20 experience with speech therapy, she planned to pursue a degree in
21 special education, hoping to positively impact the lives of
22 children facing unique learning challenges; she had gained
23 experience in the field through her involvement with the Spring
24 Branch Independent School District APPLE program for students with

1 autism, and she also volunteered countless hours with the Memorial
2 Chapter of the National Charity League alongside her mother; in
3 recognition of her outstanding efforts, she was honored with the
4 President's Volunteer Service Award three years in a row; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Ferruzzo attended Camp Mystic in Hunt from 2015
6 to 2024, and she was profoundly influenced by her experiences and
7 achievements there, especially her election as a tribe captain in
8 her final year as a camper; she was excited to return as a counselor
9 in 2025, and she spent her final days there, caring for the campers
10 of the Bubble Inn cabin; and

11 WHEREAS, Katherine Ferruzzo accomplished much and touched
12 the lives of many people during her brief time on this earth, and
13 her memory will continue to inspire those who were blessed to have
14 known her; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
17 Katherine Frances Ferruzzo and extend sincere condolences to all
18 who mourn her passing; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Katherine
22 Ferruzzo.

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H.R. No. 117

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 117 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 2, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House