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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the passing of eight-year-old Sarah Catherine Marsh of Mountain  
3 Brook, Alabama, who was tragically lost in the July 4, 2025,  
4 flooding in Kerr County; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Jill and Patrick Marsh, Sarah Marsh  
6 was born on May 30, 2017; she grew up surrounded by the love of her  
7 extended family along with many self-appointed "aunts" and "uncles"  
8 in Birmingham, Alabama, as well as in Dallas, Waco, and Arlington,  
9 but most of all, she adored her big brother, John; although she  
10 sometimes teased him as "annoying," they were the best of friends,  
11 teaming up for creative mischief, snuggling on the couch to watch  
12 slime videos, and hugging each other when they crossed paths in the  
13 school hallways; and

14 WHEREAS, Sarah loved tagging along to meet her mother's  
15 patients, and she was an attentive "surgical assistant" for such  
16 procedures as the stitching up of her father's finger after another  
17 kitchen mishap; in addition, she was enthralled by her father's  
18 students at Samford University; and

19 WHEREAS, A joyful and adventurous little girl, Sarah  
20 demonstrated a streak of sass so charming that one of her teachers  
21 confessed her reluctance to repress it; her vibrant personality and  
22 radiant smile brought her many friends, and she was fiercely loyal  
23 to each of them; she enjoyed showing off her splits or a new dance  
24 she had learned with her pals; and

1           WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say goodbye  
2 to one so young and full of promise, all who shared in the life of  
3 Sarah Marsh will treasure their memories of each happy moment spent  
4 in the company of this vibrant, kind, and engaging child; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
8 Sarah Catherine Marsh and extend sincere condolences to the members  
9 of her family: to her parents, Jill Waters Marsh and Patrick Marsh;  
10 to her brother, John Marsh; to her grandparents, Jenger and Steve  
11 Waters and Debbie and Barclay Marsh; to her aunts, uncles, and  
12 cousins, David, Robin, Brooke, and Foster Waters and Jordan,  
13 Allison, Logan, and Cameron Marsh; and to her many other relatives  
14 and host of friends; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sarah  
18 Marsh.