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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 loss of eight-year-old Virginia Larins Hollis of Bellville, who  
3 was tragically lost in the July 4, 2025, flooding in Kerr County;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The cherished daughter of Lars and Lacey Hollis,  
6 Virginia Hollis was born on March 23, 2017, and she was blessed with  
7 the companionship and affection of a younger sister, Siena; her  
8 circle of loved ones also included her grandparents, her  
9 great-grandmother, and her many aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well  
10 as her devoted godparents, with whom she celebrated her baptism at  
11 Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Virginia had recently completed second grade at  
13 Faith Academy Bellville, where she was beloved by her peers and  
14 teachers alike and found great joy in her piano lessons, her  
15 involvement in chess club, and her other artistic endeavors; she  
16 previously attended the Mother's Day Out program at Bellville  
17 Methodist Church, and she met her lifelong best friends while  
18 completing her early education at St. Mary's Episcopal Day School;  
19 she also spent many happy summers swimming, playing sports, and  
20 searching for seashells with her friends and counselors at Camp  
21 Houston Oaks; and

22 WHEREAS, A curious and adventurous child of myriad talents,  
23 Virginia was proud of her many accomplishments, including earning a  
24 first-place ribbon for her painting at the Houston Livestock Show

1 and Rodeo, riding solo in the ACYRA Summer Rodeo Program, and  
2 composing "Virginia's Song" on her piano; she delighted in  
3 traveling with her family to destinations across the country and  
4 throughout Europe; in addition, she treasured the time she spent  
5 with her grandfather, who cultivated in her a passion for ranching,  
6 and she dreamed of becoming a mother, teacher, composer, and  
7 cowgirl when she grew up; and

8 WHEREAS, An extraordinary young girl, Virginia Hollis set an  
9 inspiring example through her passion, determination, and joyful  
10 spirit, and although tragedy has deprived the world of her promise,  
11 she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those she  
12 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
14 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
15 of Virginia Larins Hollis and extend sincere condolences to the  
16 members of her family: to her parents, Lars and Lacey Hollis; to her  
17 sister, Siena Hollis; to her grandparents, John and Taunia Elick  
18 and Brooke and Judith Hollis; to her great-grandmother, Dorothy  
19 Sasso Moraski; to her aunts and uncles, Elin Hollis, Ashlyn Elick  
20 and Justin Smith, and Laramy and Craig Bauer; to her cousins, Weston  
21 and Cate Bauer; to her godparents, Taylor and Tyler Brady,  
22 Catherine Grell, and John Evans; and to her many other relatives and  
23 friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Virginia  
27 Hollis.