

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the passing of nine-year-old Ellen Elizabeth Getten of Houston, who
3 was tragically lost in the July 4, 2025, flooding in Kerr County;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Jennifer Wilson Getten and Douglas
6 Vandever Getten, Ellen Getten was born in Houston on June 7, 2016,
7 and she was blessed with the companionship of an older sister,
8 Gwynne; she also benefited from the love and support of an extended
9 family that included her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and
10 godparents; and

11 WHEREAS, Ellen was a student at St. John's School, where she
12 looked forward to seeing her teachers and classmates each day;
13 outside of school, she played tennis, competed with the Mean Green
14 swim team, and enjoyed time spent with her friends from
15 St. Martin's Episcopal Church, The Church of St. John the Divine,
16 the Houston Country Club, Camp Mystic, and her neighborhood; and

17 WHEREAS, Known for her warm, heartfelt hugs, Ellen never met
18 a stranger; she loved to dance, and her favorite foods included
19 pasta with red sauce and gelato; she delighted in watching movies
20 and taking trips with her family, and most of all, she enjoyed
21 playing Roblox with her sister, who was her biggest cheerleader and
22 best friend; and

23 WHEREAS, Although her time on this earth was far too brief,
24 Ellen Getten was a ray of light in the lives of those who held her

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1 dear, and they will forever treasure the abundant happiness that
2 she brought to them; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
5 of Ellen Elizabeth Getten and extend deepest condolences to the
6 members of her family: to her parents, Jennie and Doug Getten; to
7 her sister, Gwynne Getten; to her grandparents, Jennifer and Trey
8 Wilson and Nancy and Tom Getten; to her aunts and uncles, Abbie and
9 Will Giraud, Walt Wilson, Megan and Ted Getten, and Liz and Chad
10 Atwood; to her cousins, Charlie and Lucy Giraud, Ella and Max
11 Getten, and Hobs, Lee, and Lucy Atwood; and to her many other
12 relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ellen
16 Getten.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 141 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 3, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House