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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Bonnalee Pell Asbury of Longview, who passed away on
3 August 8, 2025, at the age of 97; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 23, 1927, in Rockford, Illinois, to
5 William and Marjorie Pell, the former Bonnalee Pell grew up on a
6 farm with the companionship of her older brother, William; after
7 graduating from East Rockford High School in 1945, she earned an
8 associate's degree from Blackburn College in Carlinville in
9 May 1947; while there, she met the love of her life, James William
10 Asbury, with whom she exchanged wedding vows on May 29, 1948; and

11 WHEREAS, The newlyweds moved to Champagne, Illinois, where
12 Mrs. Asbury worked for Sullivan Chevrolet while her husband pursued
13 an engineering degree at the University of Illinois; in 1950, the
14 couple made their home in Hastings, Nebraska, and they went on to
15 raise four children in that community, William, Katherine, James,
16 and Thomas; Mr. Asbury's career subsequently took them to Longview
17 in 1983; she and her husband shared an extraordinary 72 years of
18 marriage until his passing in 2020; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mrs. Asbury's cherished family
20 grew to include seven grandchildren, Brett, Tom, Jon, Ben, Kristen,
21 Evan, and Elizabeth, along with several great-grandchildren and
22 step-great-grandchildren; a woman of strong faith, she was an
23 active member of the First United Methodist Churches in both
24 Hastings and Longview, and she enjoyed taking part in Bible study

1 and prayer groups; she also found great fulfillment in
2 volunteering, and her favorite pastimes included traveling and
3 playing golf with her husband; and

4 WHEREAS, Bonnalee Asbury led a caring and purposeful life,
5 and her loss is keenly felt by all who were touched by her affection
6 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
8 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bonnalee Pell
9 Asbury and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
10 her children, William Asbury and his wife, Luanne, Katherine
11 Schnake and her husband, Marc, and James Asbury and his wife, Cathy;
12 to her grandchildren, Brett Asbury and his wife, Jen, Tom Asbury and
13 his wife, Keely, Jon Schnake, Ben Schnake and his wife, Jess,
14 Kristen Madsen and her husband, Craig, Evan Asbury and his wife,
15 Rachel, and Elizabeth Briggs and her husband, Thomas; to her
16 great-grandchildren, Will, Luca, Hudson, and Casey Asbury and
17 Genevieve and Annabelle Briggs; to her step-great-grandchildren,
18 Damon and Tucker Atkinson and Christian and Bowen Madsen; to her
19 brother, William Pell; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
23 day, it do so in memory of Bonnalee Asbury.