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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Cecile Richards, who
2 passed away on January 20, 2025, at the age of 67, may find comfort
3 in reflecting on her remarkable life's journey; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Waco on July 15, 1957, Cecile Richards was
5 the daughter of Ann Richards, who later served as the governor of
6 Texas, and David Richards, a civil rights attorney; following in
7 her parents' footsteps, she took up political activism while still
8 a teenager and was disciplined by her high school for protesting the
9 Vietnam War; after earning her degree from Brown University in
10 1980, she became a labor organizer; she later founded the Texas
11 Freedom Network, a progressive grassroots organization, and served
12 as deputy chief of staff to U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2006, Ms. Richards was appointed president of the
14 Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and she also served as
15 president of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund; in those roles,
16 she became one of the leading voices in the debate over reproductive
17 health, and throughout her 12-year tenure, she valiantly upheld the
18 importance of the organization's services and defended the rights
19 of the women and families that it served; and

20 WHEREAS, After concluding her service with Planned
21 Parenthood in 2018, Ms. Richards founded Supermajority, an
22 organization dedicated to encouraging more women to enter politics,
23 and published a memoir, *Make Trouble: Standing Up, Speaking Out,*
24 *and Finding the Courage to Lead*; in 2024, she was presented with a

1 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor,
2 by President Joe Biden; she is survived by her husband, Kirk Adams,
3 her children, Lily, Hannah, and Daniel, a grandchild, and her
4 siblings, Ellen, Clark, and Dan Richards; and

5 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of
6 one person's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark
7 on the world as they move through it, and the exceptional
8 contributions of Cecile Richards will continue to resonate for
9 years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Cecile Richards and
12 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
13 further

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