

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Judith Gosnell Cavender of San Antonio on May 14, 2025,
3 at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of the Reverend Harold C. Gosnell and
5 Marjorie Adams Gosnell, the former Judy Gosnell was born in
6 Syracuse, New York, on March 25, 1935, and she grew up with the
7 companionship of a brother, Hal; after moving to Lincoln, Nebraska,
8 her family eventually settled in San Antonio, where she attended
9 Alamo Heights High School; upon her graduation, she enrolled in the
10 Plan II Honors Program at The University of Texas at Austin and
11 joined the Pi Beta Phi women's fraternity; and

12 WHEREAS, While in college, she met the love of her life, Jimmy
13 Cavender; the couple married in 1954 and shared a fulfilling union
14 that spanned 62 years until his passing in 2016; Mrs. Cavender took
15 great pride in her three sons, Mark, Rick, and Stephen, and with the
16 passing years, she had the pleasure of seeing her treasured family
17 grow to include four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Active in her community, Mrs. Cavender gave
19 generously of her time and talents to such organizations as the
20 Charity Ball Association, the Junior League of San Antonio,
21 Morningside Ministries, the Children's Service Bureau, and the San
22 Antonio Literacy Council; moreover, she chaired the Texas
23 Biomedical Forum Gala before going on to serve as its president; and

24 WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith, Mrs. Cavender was a valued

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1 member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where she served on the altar
2 guild, participated in weekly Bible studies, and chaired the Lenten
3 Luncheon Committee; in her leisure hours, she enjoyed cooking and
4 playing bridge, and she made many happy memories hosting family and
5 friends at the Cavender Ranch in Leahey; and

6 WHEREAS, Admired for her elegance, her warmth, and her
7 creativity, Judy Cavender brightened the world for all who knew
8 her, and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judith Gosnell
12 Cavender and extend sincere condolences to the members of her
13 family: to her sons, Mark Cavender and his wife, Susan, Rick
14 Cavender and his wife, Suzanne, and Stephen Cavender and his wife,
15 Kelly; to her grandchildren, Courtney Cavender Smith and her
16 husband, Tobin, Claire Cavender McNab and her husband, Easton,
17 Brooks McCullough Cavender, and Kate Cavender Dawson and her
18 husband, Taylor; to her great-grandchildren, Ramsey and Calder
19 Smith, Isabella and Miles McNab, and Jamie and Liza Dawson; to her
20 brother, Hal Gosnell; and to her other relatives and friends; and,
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judy
25 Cavender.

Martinez Fischer

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1316 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House