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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort those saddened by the passing of Patricia Rose Manning of Alpine on September 8, 2024, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Patty Manning was born to William Francis Manning III and Lillie Frances Drain Manning in Dallas on February 9, 1952, and she grew up with the companionship of two brothers, Michael and Robert; in 1975, she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and went on to earn her master's degree from North Texas State University seven years later; after settling in Dallas, she established a lawn business, Yardwork/Artwork; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1990s, Ms. Manning undertook graduate studies at Sul Ross State University, earning a master's degree in biology; she then began a tenure with SRSU that spanned nearly two decades, overseeing the campus's experimental growing plots, greenhouses, and vineyard; upon her retirement, she and her partner, Cyndi Wimberly, started a native plant nursery, Twin Sisters Natives, where she pursued her talents in native plant propagation; in addition, she began work as a field botanist, focusing on the Southwest desert; and

WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Patty Manning will remember the way she touched their lives with her warmth, kindness, and humor, and she will forever hold a

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treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Patricia Rose Manning and extend deepest condolences to the members of her family: to her partner and spouse of 30 years, Cyndi Wimberly; to her children, Marley Kim Boyd Jr. and his wife, Tiffany Flores-Boyd, Mary Shannon Boyd Mois, and Jonathan Matthew Boyd and his wife, Dana Falconberry; to her granddaughters, Alex Kate Flores and Addison Flores-Boyd; to her brother, Robert Manning, and his husband, Jason Hodges; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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