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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 Barbara Leonard Hayes of Sherman on April 6, 2025, at the
3 age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Tom, Oklahoma, on July 8, 1937, the former
5 Barbara Leonard was adopted by Lena Noll Leonard and
6 John B. Leonard on August 11, 1949; she graduated from Durant High
7 School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education at the
8 University of Oklahoma, where she joined Delta Delta Delta
9 Sorority; while employed as a flight attendant for American
10 Airlines, she was based in Chicago, and her photo appeared in the
11 *World Book Encyclopedia* as an illustration for her profession; soon
12 after moving to Sherman, she began her career in elementary
13 education with the city's school district; a woman of many skills
14 and interests, she also worked as a realtor and owned a 700-acre
15 farm in Missouri; and

16 WHEREAS, She married Stanley Joe Hayes on June 11, 1960, and
17 they became the parents of three children, John, Susan, and Joel;
18 dedicated to her family and community, she served as a Cub Scout
19 leader and den mother and as president of the PTA at Wakefield
20 Elementary; she was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and
21 instilled in her children the importance of faith; she also passed
22 along her love of animals and her zest for travel and adventure;
23 wise and deeply empathetic, she taught her children and
24 grandchildren countless valuable life lessons, including how to

1 stay strong in the face of hardship; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Hayes benefited her fellow
3 residents through her efforts in behalf of many civic and
4 charitable organizations; she was a member of P.E.O. and Sherman
5 Community Players and a life member of Tanglewood Country Club and
6 of Woodlawn Country Club, where she was a gin rummy champion; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Barbara Hayes is deeply missed by those she
8 left behind, the passage of time will never diminish the joy and
9 love she brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Barbara Leonard Hayes and extend
12 sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her children,
13 Susan Hayes Fletcher and her husband, Brian, and Joel Graham Hayes
14 and his wife, Jackie; to her grandchildren, Joel, Alex, Morgan,
15 Alexis, and Patrick; to her great-granddaughter, Bella; and to her
16 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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