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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Janita Ann Barnes of Longview on
3 April 21, 2025, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Bettie Schindler and Buell Brinson,
5 the former Janita Brinson was born in Tyler on March 13, 1948, and
6 grew up with the companionship of three siblings, Brenda, Karen,
7 and David; during her years at Longview High School, she met her
8 future husband, Buford Ray "Bubba" Barnes, and the couple went on to
9 share a fulfilling marriage that spanned nearly 58 years before his
10 passing in 2022; they became the parents of three daughters, Kim,
11 Stacy, and Tammy, and through the years, the family grew to include
12 numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, After earning her licensed vocational nursing
14 certification, Mrs. Barnes embarked on a rewarding career in health
15 care, and she later obtained an associate's degree in nursing from
16 Kilgore College; a longtime member of the staff at the Diagnostic
17 Clinic of Longview, she played an important role in establishing
18 the OB/GYN department and in expanding the clinic's obstetrics
19 services, and she ultimately retired as the supervisor of nursing
20 services; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnes was an active member of Trinity Baptist
22 Church for more than five decades, assisting the congregation in
23 such roles as Sunday school teacher, Acteens leader, and youth
24 worker; during her retirement years, she put her considerable

1 culinary skills to work by volunteering in the church kitchen, and
2 she also provided support to HeartsWay Hospice of Northeast Texas;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In all aspects of her life, Janita Barnes
5 demonstrated a remarkable ability to comfort and care for others,
6 and memories of her warmth and compassion will continue to inspire
7 all those who had the good fortune to know her; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
10 hereby pay tribute to the life of Janita Ann Barnes and extend
11 sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her daughters,
12 Kim Jenkins and her husband, Mike, Stacy Barnes, and Tammy Trichel
13 and her husband, Billy; to her grandchildren, Chelsea and Steven
14 Christopher, Courtney Jenkins, Connor Griffith, Camryn Griffith,
15 Matthew and Carleigh Trichel, and Hannah Trichel; to her
16 great-grandchildren, Beau and Bella Christopher; to her sisters,
17 Brenda Skornik and Karen Bochow; to her brother, David Brinson; to
18 her aunt, Diane Kleam; to her cousin, Kristi Sampson; and to her
19 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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