HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
- 2 the loss of Brenda Nation of Austin, who died on January 22, 2017,
- 3 at the age of 59; and
- WHEREAS, Brenda Nation was born to Benjamin and Juanita
- 5 Nation on October 4, 1957, and she grew up in Lake Charles,
- 6 Louisiana; after graduating from LaGrange High School, she worked
- 7 in a number of offices, including a law firm, where the attorneys
- 8 urged her to attend college; she took their advice and earned a
- 9 bachelor's degree from McNeese State University, and, in 1993, she
- 10 received her law degree from Louisiana State University; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ms. Nation began her legal career as an assistant
- 12 attorney general for the state of Louisiana, and in December 2001,
- 13 she joined the staff of the American Council of Life Insurers;
- 14 working first out of their headquarters in Washington, D.C., and
- 15 then as regional vice president in the Austin office, she capably
- 16 represented the ACLI before the legislatures of Texas, Oklahoma,
- 17 Wyoming, New Mexico, and Alaska; and
- 18 WHEREAS, At her 20th high school reunion, Ms. Nation
- 19 reconnected with an old classmate, Allen Corder; the couple married
- 20 three months later and went on to share more than two decades
- 21 together; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Nation won the admiration of many with her
- 23 thoughtful and generous gifts, her skill as a scratch golfer, and
- 24 her flair for decorating; she also loved to cook and entertain, and

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- 1 she delighted guests with her Cajun recipes, one of which was
- 2 featured in Good Housekeeping magazine; and
- WHEREAS, A loving wife, a dedicated professional, and a loyal
- 4 friend, Brenda Nation lived a full and generous life, and memories
- 5 of her warmth, kindness, and joie de vivre will forever be treasured
- 6 by all those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 8 hereby pay tribute to the life of Brenda Nation and extend heartfelt
- 9 sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Allen Corder;
- 10 to her brothers, Glenn Nation and his wife, Helen, and Dean Nation
- 11 and his wife, Connie; and to her other relatives and many friends;
- 12 and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for her family, and that when the Texas House of
- 15 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
- 16 Brenda Nation.

Smithee

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 69 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 16, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 69 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on March 22, 2017. \bigcirc

Secretary of the Senate

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