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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 Eva Henley of San Angelo on September 24, 2016, at the  
3 age of 98; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Tullahoma, Tennessee, the former Eva  
5 Hickerson was born on July 16, 1918, to the Reverend Julius  
6 Hickerson and Anna Mae Coon Hickerson; she grew up in Commerce and  
7 earned a bachelor's degree in 1937 from East Texas State University  
8 before teaching home economics at Van High School; she later earned  
9 a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist  
10 Theological Seminary and taught English composition at Louisiana  
11 Tech University while earning a master's degree in English from  
12 that institution; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1938, she married the Reverend Dr. Truman  
14 Aldredge, and the couple shared nearly three decades until his  
15 passing in 1966; she was fortunate enough to find love again and  
16 exchanged wedding vows with the Reverend Dr. Taylor Henley in 1968;  
17 she took great pride in her 2 daughters, Anne and Jann, as well as in  
18 her 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Henley moved with Dr. Henley to San Angelo,  
20 where she taught English at Central High School for 25 years and  
21 coached a number of award-winning UIL competitors; active in her  
22 professional community as well as in civic affairs, she served as  
23 president of the Texas Joint Council of Teachers of English and as a  
24 board member for the United Way of San Angelo, and she frequently

1 contributed witty and inspirational op-eds to the *San Angelo*  
2 *Standard-Times*; and

3 WHEREAS, A woman of tremendous faith, Mrs. Henley held many  
4 roles with First Baptist Church, serving on several committees,  
5 teaching Sunday school, and acting in Christmas dramas; she and her  
6 husband founded Missions Our Mission, through which they led dozens  
7 of ministry trips to Ukraine and other countries; after Reverend  
8 Henley's death in 2000, Mrs. Henley continued to lead and raise  
9 money for mission trips; and

10 WHEREAS, Beloved for her warm heart and exuberant spirit, Eva  
11 Henley touched countless lives during her journey on this earth,  
12 and she will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by  
13 all those who held her dear; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Eva Henley and extend  
16 deepest sympathy to her family 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 House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eva Henley.