

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close  
2 with the passing of Mary Elizabeth White Hooten on March 24, 2023,  
3 at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Dorothy Jean Arp and O. B. White Jr.,  
5 the former Mary White was born on January 6, 1948, in Bell County  
6 and grew up with the companionship of a brother, Jack; she graduated  
7 from Belton High School with the Class of 1966 and continued her  
8 education at Southwest Texas State University, where she pledged  
9 Delta Zeta and served as student council treasurer; and

10 WHEREAS, On January 31, 1969, she married Doug Hooten, and  
11 they became the proud parents of two daughters, Lauren and Amy; with  
12 the passing years, Mrs. Hooten had the pleasure of welcoming into  
13 her treasured family three grandchildren, Noah, Angela, and Kenley;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to working as a special education  
16 instructor at Southwest Elementary School in Belton, Mrs. Hooten  
17 devoted herself to raising her children, driving them to and from  
18 various activities, sewing costumes for school plays, and hosting  
19 youth group gatherings; moreover, she gave back to the community as  
20 a volunteer with the Junior League; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooten and her husband lived in England and  
22 Richmond, Virginia, before moving to Austin to be closer to their  
23 daughters; an avid traveler, Mrs. Hooten visited locations across  
24 Europe as well as Jerusalem, Egypt, China, Russia, Peru, and

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1 Antarctica; known for her culinary skills, she earned an honorary  
2 degree from Le Cordon Bleu, and she was also a talented seamstress  
3 and embroiderer; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Mary Hooten will be deeply missed, those  
5 who held her dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness she  
6 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mary Elizabeth  
9 White Hooten and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn her  
10 passing; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary  
14 Hooten.

Harris of Williamson

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1330 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 12, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House