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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Susan Ann Traylor Bittick and to celebrate a remarkable woman whose brilliance, spirit, and unforgettable presence left a lasting mark on all who knew her.

WHEREAS, Susan was born on September 4, 1954, in Hughes Springs, Texas, to Robert "Bob" H. Traylor and Jodie Bess Wallace Traylor and was the cherished sister of Gary Traylor; and

WHEREAS, from her earliest years, Susan was known for her vibrant spirit, warmth, and ability to bring joy to those around her, qualities that remained hallmarks of her life; and

WHEREAS, Susan graduated from Gilmer High School in 1973 and undertook a successful journalism career that spanned sixteen years, during which she served as food editor for the *Longview Morning Journal* and city editor of the *Shreveport Times*; and

WHEREAS, Susan's sharp intellect and commanding presence earned her the opportunity to cover the gubernatorial campaign of former Florida Governor Bob Martinez, and she later served as his press secretary; and

WHEREAS, Susan relished the opportunity to challenge herself and returned to school to pursue higher education; she earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from Louisiana Tech University in 1990 and went on to attend St. Louis University School of Law, where she distinguished herself as editor of the Law Journal and graduated in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Susan earned a master of laws degree from the University of Houston, which further cemented her reputation as a formidable legal and policy mind; and

WHEREAS, Susan devoted the last nineteen years of her accomplished career to Ryan, LLC, where she most recently served as a principal in the company's U.S. advocacy practice and earned national recognition as a leading and influential voice in state tax policy; and

WHEREAS, Susan was admired by her colleagues and peers for her intellect, professionalism, integrity, mentorship, extraordinary work ethic, and unwavering commitment to public service; she is remembered as a dynamic, insightful, and powerful advocate and described as "wicked smart," "a firecracker," and "a force to be reckoned with"; and

WHEREAS, Susan was a cherished member of the Louisiana Capitol team, affectionately known as "The Roses and The Thorns", where her wit, intuition, friendship, unmistakable personality, and infectious laugh made her deeply admired and treasured among the group and by all those around her; and

WHEREAS, despite her many professional accomplishments, Susan's greatest joy was the life she built with her beloved husband, Tom Bittick, whom she met at a Christmas party in 1990 and married on October 5, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Susan and Tom shared a passion for travel, exceptional food, fine wine, and new adventures, and she was especially fond of her travels to London and countless other cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Susan embraced life with unmistakable style and enthusiasm, never missed an opportunity to dance, and was rarely seen without her signature heels; and

WHEREAS, Susan was an avid reader, an accomplished gardener known for producing an abundance of tomatoes and countless jars of homemade marinara sauce, an avid art collector with exceptional taste and appreciation for fine art, and a devoted lover of Christmas music on vinyl; she also cherished her beloved dogs, especially her rescue dog, Mavis; and

WHEREAS, Susan's family game nights were legendary occasions; she often insisted upon playing Monopoly as the Scottie Dog token and threatened to read the entire rulebook aloud whenever she suspected cheating; and

WHEREAS, Susan possessed a rare combination of fierce determination, quick wit, immense kindness, and boundless generosity, and these qualities endeared her to family, friends, colleagues, and all fortunate enough to cross her path; and

WHEREAS, Susan embraced Louisiana's unique culture and traditions, especially enjoying annual gatherings and outdoor excursions with dear friends and colleagues that celebrated the state's rich cuisine, camaraderie, and sporting heritage, particularly her

memorable alligator hunting adventures and her plans to transform treasured keepsakes from those experiences into handcrafted items reflecting her adventurous spirit, creativity, and deep love for Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Susan leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and devotion to her family, friends, and colleagues; she is survived by her loving husband of thirty-four years, Tom Bittick; her brother, Gary Traylor (Chasha); her sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Bittick Dailey and Mary Bittick Camden (Mike); her uncle, Jerry Traylor; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who affectionately knew her as "The Greatest Aunt"; and

WHEREAS, Susan Ann Traylor Bittick lived boldly, loved deeply, and left behind a legacy of brilliance, kindness, humor, grace, and unmistakable flair that will continue to inspire and uplift all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Susan Ann Traylor Bittick and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of her beautiful life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to her husband, Tom Bittick, and her brother, Gary Traylor.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES