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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States (Ret.), for her exceptional contributions to jurisprudence in our nation and her commitment to the expansion of research toward a cure for Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice O'Connor served in all three branches of government in her home state of Arizona, working first in the Office of the Attorney General, then distinguishing herself in the State Senate, where her election as majority leader at the beginning of her second full term proved a testament to her ability to bring people together to solve complex issues, and then through both election and appointment to the state judiciary; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, upon nomination by President Ronald Reagan and unanimous confirmation by the United States Senate, she commenced a quarter century of service as a Justice, marked by conspicuous fairness, a jurisprudence of pragmatism in service to principle, and devotion to the rule of law, which she has continued since retirement at her new website ourcourts.org; and

WHEREAS, Justice O'Connor has played a vital role in advancing research on Alzheimer's disease and, as a member of the Alzheimer's Study Group, has used her personal experiences to make her a powerful advocate in the struggle against this debilitating disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature, hereby commend retired United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on her extraordinary service to the nation on the bench and in the furtherance of Alzheimer's disease research and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her further endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.