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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Caroline Runge retired from the Menard County
2 Underground Water District and the Menard County Water Control and
3 Improvement District in 2019, drawing to a close many years of
4 dedicated service; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Presidio County, Caroline Runge earned
6 her juris doctor degree from the University of Mississippi School
7 of Law in 1981; she went on to practice law in the states of
8 Mississippi and New Mexico, and while in New Mexico, she primarily
9 provided counsel on water rights issues; from 1994 to 1995, she
10 furthered her studies in the Water Resources Administration program
11 at the University of New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1999, Ms. Runge was named general manager of the
13 Menard County Underground Water District; she held that position
14 for more than a decade and continued serving as its consulting
15 manager for another eight years; during her tenure, she was
16 involved in the establishment of a water level monitoring network,
17 and she helped promote the conservation of groundwater in Menard
18 County; she was also instrumental to the creation of Groundwater
19 Management Area 7; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Runge served as general manager of the Menard
21 County Water Control and Improvement District from 2001 to 2019,
22 during which time she worked to protect water rights in the interest
23 of Menard County farmers and to educate area residents on surface
24 water management; she served as a liaison between landowners and

1 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and she also
2 collaborated with researchers to help advance their knowledge of
3 the flora and fauna of the San Saba River area; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to her work for Menard County, Ms. Runge
5 has shared her expertise as a consultant to the Hickory Underground
6 Water Conservation District, as an environmental representative on
7 the Region F Regional Water Planning Group, as a legislative
8 co-liaison for the West Texas Regional Groundwater Management
9 Alliance, and as a board member for the Trans-Pecos Water and Land
10 Trust; and

11 WHEREAS, Through her hard work, skill, and professionalism,
12 Caroline Runge made vital contributions to the stewardship of
13 Menard County's precious water resources, and she may indeed
14 reflect with pride on all that she accomplished for her fellow
15 Texans; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Caroline Runge for
18 her many years of service to the Menard County Underground Water
19 District and the Menard County Water Control and Improvement
20 District and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and,
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Ms. Runge as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.