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H.R. No. 1289

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carol Donovan is stepping down as Dallas County
2 Democratic Party chair in 2021, concluding a noteworthy tenure that
3 has spanned six years; and

4 WHEREAS, Elected in 2015, Ms. Donovan has guided DCDP through
5 a period of growth, working effectively with precinct chairs and
6 other elected officials; the party fielded candidates for every one
7 of the county's state representative seats for the first time in
8 2016, and State Representative Victoria Neave won her race;
9 furthermore, Democratic Party presidential candidate Hillary
10 Clinton garnered 64 percent of the vote in the county; and

11 WHEREAS, Democrats won 80 percent of Dallas County races on
12 the ballot in 2018; DCDP flipped a congressional seat, a state
13 senate seat, and a seat in the Texas House, and it sent to Austin the
14 county's largest Democratic delegation of state representatives
15 since 1971; in addition, it elected its "Slate of Eight" to the
16 Fifth Court of Appeals, transforming it into a Democratic-majority
17 body; voters returned a Democrat to the district attorney's office
18 as well; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2020, DCDP retained all of its seats and gained
20 new seats on the Fifth Court of Appeals; moreover, 65 percent of
21 voters in the county chose President Joseph R. Biden; and

22 WHEREAS, Under Ms. Donovan's leadership, the number of
23 Democratic Party registrations in the county has increased and
24 turnout has climbed from 55 to 66 percent; DCDP has raised more than

1 \$2.5 million, and many new precinct chairs have come on board; and

2 WHEREAS, Carol Donovan has greatly benefited the Democratic
3 Party through her tireless endeavors in Dallas County, and as she
4 embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life, she may indeed
5 reflect with pride on her accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Carol Donovan for her service as Dallas
8 County Democratic Party chair and extend to her sincere best wishes
9 for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Donovan as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.