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H.C.R. No. 16

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Linda J. Cowden of Midland received the Excellence
2 in Governing Board Leadership Award at the Beacon Awards Luncheon
3 on September 26, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, The Beacon Awards honor excellence in Permian Basin
5 nonprofit organizations by recognizing volunteers and staff of the
6 local nonprofit sector; the Excellence in Governing Board
7 Leadership Award is presented annually to an individual who has
8 made a positive impact through outstanding service on a governing
9 board; and

10 WHEREAS, A tireless supporter of Midland College, Linda
11 Cowden is an elected member of the board of trustees; she also gives
12 generously of her time and expertise as a member of the Midland
13 College Foundation's board of directors and currently serves as its
14 secretary; during the school's most recent capital campaign, her
15 efforts were instrumental in raising \$30 million in a single year,
16 enabling completion of the June and Frank Cowden Jr. Dining Hall;
17 the facility is named in honor of her parents, admired Midland
18 philanthropists who instilled in her the importance of civic
19 engagement; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Cowden has further contributed to education in
21 her community as a member of the Trinity School Board of Trustees;
22 in addition, she has served as chair of Kappa Alpha Theta, as
23 co-chair for Midland's Centennial Celebration, and as PAC chair for
24 a successful \$43 million bond election; and

1 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the important mission of Midland
2 College, Linda Cowden has inspired innumerable people through her
3 selfless endeavors in behalf of the institution, and she is truly
4 deserving of this accolade; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
6 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Linda J. Cowden on
7 receiving the 2023 Excellence in Governing Board Leadership Award
8 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
9 further

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