

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 23

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lori Blong was elected mayor of the City of Midland  
2 in November 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, The first woman to become the city's mayor, Lori  
4 Blong brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role;  
5 she has represented District 4 on the Midland City Council for three  
6 years, and she has served as mayor pro tempore as well as council  
7 liaison for the Midland Development Corporation; she is also a  
8 member of Congressman August Pfluger's Energy Task Force and the  
9 Permian Basin Petroleum Association board, and she is a founding  
10 member of the Midland Quality of Place Conservancy; in addition,  
11 she is a former president of Midland Habitat for Humanity, which she  
12 continues to serve as a member of the board of directors; and

13 WHEREAS, Early in her career, Mayor Blong taught social  
14 studies at Coronado High School in El Paso; she went on to cofound  
15 Octane Energy with her husband, Jared, in 2013, and today, she is  
16 responsible for negotiations, administrative oversight, and  
17 financial management; she holds a bachelor's degree in psychology  
18 from Hardin-Simmons University as well as postgraduate teacher  
19 certifications in history and social studies; and

20 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mayor Blong benefits from the  
21 love and support of her husband, Jared, and she takes great pride in  
22 their three children; she is a devoted congregant of Stonegate  
23 Fellowship church, where she also teaches Bible studies; and

24 WHEREAS, A committed champion of her community, Lori Blong

1 can reflect with great pride on her contributions to its strength  
2 and prosperity as she takes on this challenging new role; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby congratulate the Honorable Lori Blong on her election as  
6 mayor of the City of Midland and extend to her sincere best wishes  
7 for the future; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mayor Blong as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.