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H.R. No. 1115

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen Burns has served Van Zandt County for 30
2 years, and her knowledge and dedication have earned her the respect
3 of many people along the way; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burns first joined the county in March 1992 as
5 a part-time employee with the Van Zandt County Community
6 Supervision and Corrections Department, and she became a full-time
7 employee the following year; she eventually began serving as a
8 probation officer, and in July 2011, she was promoted to deputy
9 director of the Van Zandt County CSCD; and

10 WHEREAS, Since her appointment as director in March 2017,
11 Mrs. Burns has worked tirelessly with other agencies, departments,
12 and community organizations to further the CSCD's mission of
13 reducing the impact of crime in the community; under her able
14 leadership, the department offers a range of probation services,
15 including Pre and Post Sentence Investigations, Civil Supervision,
16 Criminal Supervision, and GPS monitoring, in an effort to balance
17 the needs of its clients with the safety of the public; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burns holds a bachelor's degree in criminal
19 justice from The University of Texas at Tyler, and she has furthered
20 her professional development by earning numerous certifications,
21 including a Community Supervision Officer certification, an SCS
22 certification, and a Texas Risk Assessment System certification; in
23 all her endeavors, she enjoys the love and support of her husband,
24 Magee, and her three children, Nathan, Ashley, and Blake; and

1 WHEREAS, Karen Burns has greatly benefited the residents of
2 Van Zandt County through her professionalism and commitment to
3 excellence, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her many
4 achievements as she celebrates this impressive milestone in her
5 career; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Karen Burns for her three decades of
8 service to Van Zandt County and extend to her sincere best wishes
9 for continued success; and, be it further

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