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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Berna Dean Steptoe is retiring from WFAA in Dallas
2 on May 1, 2025, concluding a noteworthy career spanning 33 years
3 with the television station; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the WFAA political team, Ms. Steptoe
5 produces and provides analysis for its weekly program, *Inside Texas*
6 *Politics*, which airs on 11 stations; in 2019, she accepted the
7 station's Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television
8 Political Journalism at the ceremony held by the National Press
9 Club in Washington, D.C.; she also writes for the station's website
10 and offers in-depth analysis on WFAA's digital political program;
11 in addition, she has been in demand as a public speaker; and

12 WHEREAS, Before joining WFAA, Ms. Steptoe was employed as an
13 editorial columnist for *The Dallas Examiner*; she focused on
14 politics, government, and community issues; previously, she worked
15 in newspaper sales at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Dallas Times*
16 *Herald* and pursued entrepreneurship; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Steptoe is a graduate of Huston-Tillotson
18 University; highly engaged in the Dallas Chapter of its alumni
19 association, she has held a number of leadership roles; in
20 addition, she is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
21 Incorporated, and she serves on several boards; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the course of her long career in journalism,
23 Berna Dean Steptoe has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to
24 informing and enlightening the public, and as she embarks on the

1 next exciting chapter of her life, she may indeed reflect with pride
2 on her contributions; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
4 hereby congratulate Berna Dean Steptoe on her retirement from WFAA
5 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ms. Steptoe as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas Senate.