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H.R. No. 118

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For nearly a decade, businesswoman and civic leader  
2 Linda McNeff has played an instrumental role in the development and  
3 promotion of businesses in the historic downtown area of McKinney,  
4 and her enduring commitment to volunteerism and community service  
5 is indeed deserving of special praise and recognition; and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. McNeff purchased her first building in downtown  
7 McKinney in 1994, and soon thereafter opened Arabella's, a gift and  
8 clothing boutique that has since expanded to additional locations  
9 in McKinney, Frisco, and Dallas; an active member of the Downtown  
10 McKinney Association (DMA), she has held the offices of DMA  
11 president, secretary, and board member over the years; and

12           WHEREAS, This energetic Texan has also given generously of  
13 her time and resources to such notable organizations as the  
14 McKinney Chamber of Commerce and the Cultural Arts Alliance of  
15 McKinney, as well as to many other associations that work to  
16 preserve the historic downtown area and to expand business  
17 opportunities for local retailers and entrepreneurs; in recent  
18 years she has been recognized by the Texas Festival and Events  
19 Association for her successful efforts in creating, promoting, and  
20 coordinating community events, including Wild West Fest, Taste of  
21 Collin County, and the McKinney Art and Jazz festival, all of which  
22 have proven to be wildly popular among residents and visitors  
23 alike; and

24           WHEREAS, Through her hard work, enthusiasm, and business

1 acumen, Ms. McNeff has contributed to the growth of her town as a  
2 thriving tourist destination, and it is a pleasure to join with the  
3 residents of McKinney in paying tribute to her many years of  
4 outstanding community service; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Linda McNeff on her  
7 significant contributions to the city of McKinney and extend to her  
8 best wishes for success and happiness in all her future endeavors;  
9 and, be it further

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