

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bich-Ngoc Nguyen of Houston has rendered  
2 outstanding service to others through her support of numerous civic  
3 and cultural causes; and

4           WHEREAS, A noted businesswoman, Ms. Nguyen has owned several  
5 beauty salons since she and her husband, Dr. Vu Ban, arrived in  
6 Houston from Vietnam in 1975; these have included the Blue Jade  
7 Beauty Center, which she first opened in Saigon in the 1960s and  
8 which she continues to operate in the Bayou City; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Nguyen has long encouraged an ideal among  
10 Vietnamese women that emphasizes confidence, assertiveness, and a  
11 sense of well-being; through the years, she has helped many young  
12 women to develop poise and self-reliance through her sponsorship of  
13 numerous beauty pageants; and

14           WHEREAS, Together with her husband, Ms. Nguyen is the recent  
15 founder of the Miss Vietnamese Free World Pageant, an international  
16 event that draws contestants from around the world; the 2003  
17 pageant was held at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in  
18 Houston on July 19 and featured musical performances by Vietnamese  
19 artists from the U.S., Germany, and France; in addition to the  
20 prizes conferred on the winner and first two runners-up, awards  
21 were bestowed for community service, academic excellence, and best  
22 traditional costume; and

23           WHEREAS, Ms. Nguyen has also supported an array of community  
24 institutions, among them hospitals, clinics, Buddhist temples,

1 Catholic churches, and schools; in appreciation for her notable  
2 civic involvement, the mayor of Houston proclaimed May 8, 2003, as  
3 Bich Ngoc Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Bich-Ngoc Nguyen has promoted the preservation and  
5 appreciation of Vietnamese culture in her new homeland while  
6 helping first- and second-generation Vietnamese American women to  
7 successfully bridge their two cultures; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize Bich-Ngoc Nguyen  
10 for her many achievements and community contributions and extend to  
11 her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 78

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 78 was adopted by the House on August 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House