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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.