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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The University of North Texas (UNT) is creating the
2 Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship in children's library services,
3 and this initiative will be a significant benefit to the people of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Currently in the Lone Star State, more than 50
6 percent of the positions for children's librarians go unfilled and
7 nearly 60 percent of our state's professional librarians will
8 retire by 2019, a burgeoning gap that the Hazel Harvey Peace
9 Professorship can help to fill; and

10 WHEREAS, One of the nation's finest, the UNT School of
11 Library and Information Sciences already prepares more librarians
12 to work with children than all other programs in Texas combined, and
13 the addition of a new professorship will enable the school to
14 continue to provide trained and dedicated workers for our public
15 libraries; and

16 WHEREAS, A strong supporter of libraries, Hazel Harvey Peace
17 has sought to broaden life's horizons for her fellowman through
18 education; a longtime teacher, dean, and vice principal at I. M.
19 Terrell High School in Fort Worth, this remarkable woman has also
20 held the positions of director of student affairs at Bishop College
21 in Dallas and editor of the *Texas Standard*; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition, she has served her community through
23 her participation on the boards of the Executive Service Corps, the
24 Fort Worth Library & Library Foundation, Tarrant County Housing

1 Partnership, the YWCA, and other organizations too numerous to
2 mention; and

3 WHEREAS, A respected educator, activist, and humanitarian,
4 Hazel Harvey Peace is an ideal honoree for a professorship in
5 children's library services at UNT; this project, like its
6 namesake, will have an enduring and positive effect on children and
7 literacy for generations to come, and it is truly worthy of special
8 legislative recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
10 3rd Called Session, hereby commend all those associated with the
11 creation of the Hazel Harvey Peace Professorship in children's
12 library services at the University of North Texas.