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H.R. No. 108

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since becoming a member of the Dallas City Council  
2 in 1997, Lois G. Finkelman has served the people of the Metroplex  
3 area with integrity, distinction, and compassion, and her extensive  
4 achievements as an educator, community leader, and public servant  
5 are indeed deserving of special recognition and commendation; and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. Finkelman is an alumna of Northwestern  
7 University who has earned two postgraduate degrees at The  
8 University of Texas at Dallas, one in science education and one in  
9 environmental science; she worked for many years as an educator in  
10 Ohio and Texas before embarking on a successful career as a writer,  
11 research assistant, and consultant, and during the 1980s and 1990s  
12 she established herself as a leading North Texas authority in the  
13 fields of community relations and resource development planning; in  
14 addition to creating land use studies, environmental impact  
15 studies, and impact assessments, Ms. Finkelman designed a wide  
16 range of informational materials, workshop programs, and training  
17 seminars, and her work as a community liaison ultimately led her to  
18 pursue a more prominent role in shaping public policy; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a councilwoman for the  
20 City of Dallas, this accomplished Texan is a respected member of the  
21 Friends of the Dallas Police Advisory Board, the Parkland Hospital  
22 Public Health Development Committee, the Children's Medical Center  
23 Foundation Board of Trustees, the Greater Dallas Community  
24 Relations Council Advisory Board, the American Jewish Congress

1 Board of Directors, and more; she also continues to promote  
2 responsible environmental policies in her work with the Texas Clean  
3 Air Working Group, the North Central Texas Council of Governments  
4 Air Quality Steering Committee, and the National League of Cities  
5 Steering Committee for Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Finkelman's efforts in behalf of others have  
8 earned her countless accolades over the years, including the 2002  
9 Caring Spirit Civic Courage Award, presented by the American Cancer  
10 Society, and the 1997 Robert M. Artz Citizen Leadership Award,  
11 presented by the National Recreation and Park Association; she has  
12 shown herself to be one of the Lone Star State's most active and  
13 admired civic leaders in each of her many endeavors, and it is with  
14 great pleasure that the citizens of Texas join in paying tribute to  
15 her illustrious career in public and community service; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Dallas city  
19 councilwoman Lois Finkelman and extend to her best wishes for  
20 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Ms. Finkelman as an expression of high regard by the  
23 Texas House of Representatives.