

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The affinity and deep respect Claire Connolly of  
2 Boston, Massachusetts, has for the Lone Star State make it a  
3 pleasure to recognize her 80th birthday and bestow on her the title  
4 of Honorary Texan; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on January 19, 1924, in Boston, Mrs. Connolly  
6 married the love of her life, George Paul Connolly, on November 27,  
7 1943; their special union was blessed with three children, Donna  
8 Maria, Michelle, and Mark George, as well as six grandchildren,  
9 Stephanie Snyder, Colin Parrish, Kerri Connolly, Colleen Connolly,  
10 Briana Connolly, and Cory Connolly; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Connolly's first visit to Texas occurred in  
12 July 1970 when she came to see her daughter and son-in-law, Donna  
13 Maria and Dr. John Frederic Parrish, who had recently moved to  
14 Houston; over the next 33 years, she traveled throughout Texas to  
15 attend numerous special family events such as first communions and  
16 graduations; Mrs. Connolly even came to see her grandson at Boy  
17 Scout Camp, where she dined with him and 500 other scouts; and

18           WHEREAS, Mrs. Connolly has discovered Texas' many cultural  
19 treasures along the way, including its universities, art museums,  
20 and rodeos, and she has enjoyed its myriad culinary delights,  
21 adding barbeque, tacos, and enchiladas to her regular diet; on one  
22 visit, Mrs. Connolly achieved a certain level of stardom by making a  
23 cameo appearance in a movie filmed in Austin that starred two Texas  
24 legends, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson; and

1           WHEREAS, Like any good Texan, Mrs. Connolly has a determined,  
2 fun-loving, and adventurous spirit, and the Texas House of  
3 Representatives is proud at long last to grant this esteemed lady  
4 Texas citizenship and the full rights and privileges accorded to  
5 all native Texans; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize Claire Connolly  
8 as an Honorary Texan and extend to her best wishes for a joyous 80th  
9 birthday; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 206

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 206 was adopted by the House on  
October 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House