R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Donna Stockton-Hicks of Austin has been named the

2 first recipient of the SafePlace Guardian Award, an honor reserved

3 for those very special individuals who dare to make a difference and

4 become involved when faced with a daunting problem in their

5 community; and

6   WHEREAS, Mrs. Stockton-Hicks, who knows firsthand the

7 difficulties faced by people seeking to end an abusive

8 relationship, was an integral part of Austin's abuse prevention

9 scene long before the inception of SafePlace; active in securing

10 the merger of the Austin Rape Crisis Center and the Center for

11 Battered Women that resulted in SafePlace, she has ably served as a

12 member and chair of its board of trustees, and along with her

13 husband Steve, chaired the organization's past two Valentine's

14 Celebrations; in addition, this remarkable woman made a pledge of

15 $1 million toward creating and building the Stockton-Hicks Family

16 Tree Child Development Center for children involved in the

17 SafePlace Family Shelter and Supportive Housing Program; and

18   WHEREAS, Compassionate, selfless, and a true inspiration to

19 all, Donna Stockton-Hicks has proven her commitment to combating

20 abuse and creating a brighter future for innumerable Austin

21 residents; now, therefore, be it

22   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

23 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Donna

24 Stockton-Hicks on her receipt of the SafePlace Guardian Award and

1 commend her for her many good works in the battle against violence;

2 and, be it further

3   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

4 prepared for Mrs. Stockton-Hicks as an expression of high regard by

5 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 191

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 191 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House