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H.C.R. No. 32

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Wanda Mills on January 29, 2003,
2 brings to a close 22 years of outstanding service as executive
3 director of the Council of Public University Presidents and
4 Chancellors; and

5 WHEREAS, This native Texan recognized the value of higher
6 education early on in her life as she pursued her degree at
7 Midwestern State University while maintaining a full-time position
8 at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls; she married Jim Mills
9 in 1959, and their long and happy union has blessed them with two
10 sons, Michael and Mitchell, and two grandsons, Andrew and Nathan;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills began her professional involvement in
13 higher education in the Lone Star State in 1977, when she was named
14 assistant to the vice president for public affairs at the
15 University of Houston; the first Austin-based government relations
16 person outside of The University of Texas, she was also the first
17 noncommittee member to attend meetings of the Texas Higher
18 Education Coordinating Board's Formula Advisory Committee, and by
19 regularly monitoring that committee, she acquired a valuable
20 understanding of the complex world of higher education formula
21 funding; and

22 WHEREAS, Executive director of the Council of Public
23 University Presidents and Chancellors since October 1980, she has
24 worked for 12 different chairmen over the course of her career, and

1 she currently works for 50 chancellors and university presidents;
2 in response to the highly demanding nature of her position, Mrs.
3 Mills has elevated efficiency to an art form and has become
4 legendary for her comprehensive accounts known as "Wandagrams" in
5 which she exhaustively documents and deciphers governmental
6 proceedings affecting higher education in the state for a grateful
7 audience; and

8 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Wanda Mills has
9 furthered the cause of higher education in Texas, while earning the
10 affection, admiration, and respect of all those who have been
11 privileged to work with her, and her contributions will not soon be
12 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby congratulate Wanda Mills on the occasion of her retirement
15 from the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors
16 and extend to her sincere best wishes for great happiness in the
17 years to come; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mrs. Mills as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives and Senate.