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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas Cooperative Extension in Tarrant County is
2 carrying out numerous educational programs to enhance the quality
3 of life for area citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1999, local residents gathered at
5 the Tarrant County Futures Forum to identify issues deserving the
6 attention of Tarrant County extension; volunteers working with
7 county extension staff then developed a number of programs to
8 address the needs highlighted at that gathering; the cycle of
9 citizen evaluation and program planning begins again in 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, Following the 1999 forum, Tarrant County extension,
11 often working with community partners, created a number of
12 effective programs in the areas of health, environmental awareness,
13 quality developmental activities for youth, and expanded
14 educational opportunities for youth, adults, and at-risk
15 populations; and

16 WHEREAS, Contributing to the success of extension programs is
17 a host of dedicated volunteers and partner institutions; in 2002,
18 in tribute to their exemplary service and support, Tarrant County
19 extension was pleased to confer its Friend of Extension Award on
20 Tarrant County College and its Joan South Spirit of Extension Award
21 on Sheryl Harris; and

22 WHEREAS, Equally essential to the vitality of Tarrant County
23 Extension are the unit's skilled and devoted staff--its director,
24 Dr. Joan I. Gillespie, its office manager, Betty George, and its

1 faculty members, Eddie Byrom, Jasmine Chai, Terrance Q. Hollins,
2 Kenneth Johnson, Jr., Hurley E. Miller, Darlene Myatt, Becca
3 Robinson, Marian Ross, Dana Tarter, Bernadette Webre, and Dotty
4 Woodson; and

5 WHEREAS, Two of these staff members have recently won
6 recognition for their civic involvement; Ms. George was
7 congratulated by the commissioners court as she graduated from
8 Tarrant County's Leadership Development program, and Ms. Chai was
9 presented the Outstanding Community Leader Award from the Tarrant
10 County Asian American Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, Tarrant County extension staff, volunteers, and
12 partners are enriching the lives of countless area residents and
13 helping to build a community that can meet the challenges of the
14 21st century; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby honor all those involved with Texas Cooperative Extension in
17 Tarrant County for their exemplary service to their fellow citizens
18 and convey to them sincere best wishes for success in their future
19 endeavors.