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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime secretary of the senate Betty King stepped
2 down from the podium on December 31, 2000, briefly ending her tenure
3 as secretary after 12 regular legislative sessions and 27 special
4 sessions, only to graciously return to the post for the 77th Regular
5 Session; and

6 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin,
7 Mrs. King began her distinguished career at the State Capitol as an
8 honorary page at the age of 14; she later served as assistant
9 journal clerk for the senate during the 60th, 61st, and 62nd
10 sessions and as journal clerk during the 63rd and 64th sessions,
11 before being named secretary of the senate in 1977; and

12 WHEREAS, During her career, Mrs. King served under lieutenant
13 governors Bill Hobby, Bob Bullock, and Rick Perry; a friend and
14 counselor to a host of state senators, she was always the first
15 person to welcome newly elected members to the Capitol, and she also
16 held a leadership role with the National Conference of State
17 Legislatures for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, Elected by members of the senate, the longtime
19 secretary of the senate served as chief executive administrator of
20 the chamber throughout her tenure and participated in the
21 legislative process by calling roll and reading bills, maintaining
22 legislative records, and receiving legislative messages and
23 communications; in addition, she supervised the elected officers of
24 the senate and coordinated the operation of the central senate

1 staff; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. King has devoted her time and energy to
3 interests beyond the senate chamber as well; she is a founding
4 member of the Austin Lyric Opera and a longtime supporter of the
5 Girl Scouts of America; and

6 WHEREAS, Betty King is a respected figure in the annals of the
7 Texas Legislature who has served her fellow Texans and their
8 elected public officials in the senate with dignity, grace, and
9 diligence for nearly a quarter-century, and it is a privilege to
10 honor her and pay tribute to her remarkable career; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Betty King on her unparalleled years of
14 service as secretary of the senate and extend best wishes to her for
15 a joyful and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mrs. King as an expression of highest regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.