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H.R. No. 249

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Patricia "Pat" McKee of Waco has dedicated much of
2 her personal and professional life to enhancing the lives of others
3 through her association with Camp Fire USA, and she truly merits
4 special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. McKee retired as executive director of the
6 Tejas Council of Camp Fire USA in 2002 after 32 outstanding and
7 productive years in the position; and

8 WHEREAS, Through her vision and leadership, this dynamic
9 woman collaborated with dozens of local agencies to produce
10 initiatives benefiting her community, including an after-school
11 program that today operates on seven campuses of the Waco
12 Independent School District and seminars and courses at a number of
13 Waco's public housing developments; she also oversaw the Camp Fire
14 Activity Center, which has been a safe after-school haven for
15 students since its opening in 1977; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. McKee has been the recipient of several
17 national awards from Camp Fire USA for outstanding initiatives such
18 as Campus Camp, Teen Volunteers Center, life-enrichment programs,
19 Kids Care, and Teen Leadership Waco; she was also honored with a
20 Yellow Rose of Texas Award presented by Governor Ann Richards, a
21 Pathfinders Award from YWCA, and a Community Builder Award given by
22 the Masonic Grand Lodge; and

23 WHEREAS, Now that she is retired, she has more time to spend
24 with her family and many friends and to travel with her husband,

1 Goodson, but her commitment to Camp Fire USA continues to benefit
2 the children of the Tejas Council through the generous creation of
3 the Pat and Goodson McKee Endowment Fund; and

4 WHEREAS, Since beginning as a volunteer when her daughter was
5 a Bluebird participant in 1958, Pat McKee has given unstintingly of
6 her time, talents, and energies in behalf of Camp Fire USA and the
7 people of Texas, and it is most appropriate that she be honored for
8 her immeasurable contributions to the families of Waco and the Lone
9 Star State; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Patricia McKee for her exemplary
12 dedication to the young people of Texas through Camp Fire USA and
13 extend to her sincere best wishes for happiness in all her future
14 endeavors; and, be it further

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