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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Bernyce Crownover, a longtime Ellis County 2 resident, has been named the 2002 Waxahachie Citizen of the Year, 3 and this award is a fitting tribute to a Texan who over the years has 4 made countless contributions to many worthy local civic, business, 5 and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crownover has generously contributed 6 to planning, organizing, and coordinating such local events as the 7 Crape Myrtle Festival, Cotton Patch Chili Cookoff, Candlelight 8 Christmas Home Tour, Gingerbread Trail and Historic Home Tour, and 9 Bob Phillips Texas Country Reporter Festival; in addition, she has 10 been a valued member of the Ellis County Business Women's Board who 11 12 has long demonstrated great interest in helping Texas firms, as 13 evidenced through her work with the Business Expo and the 14 Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, on which she served as chair in 1998; and 15

WHEREAS, This dynamic woman is also a tireless advocate for 16 our state's most vulnerable citizens, and her work in behalf of 17 abused and neglected children has been vital to associations that 18 include the Gingerbread House, Ellis County's children's advocacy 19 center, and the Texas Council of Child Welfare Board; her many 20 21 accomplishments have been recognized throughout the Ellis County 22 community, which last year proclaimed February 11 to be Bernyce 23 Crownover Day, and she was honored as the Volunteer of the Year in 24 2000 and the First Lady of Waxahachie in 1992; and

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1 WHEREAS, Over the course of her life, this exemplary 2 individual has dedicated herself to the betterment of her community 3 and state, and it is through efforts such as hers that Waxahachie 4 retains the high quality of life its residents enjoy today; now, 5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Bernyce Crownover on being named 8 the 2002 Waxahachie Citizen of the Year and extend to her warmest 9 best wishes for continued happiness and success in her future 10 endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for Mrs. Crownover as an expression of high regard by the 13 Texas House of Representatives.

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