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H.R. No. 805

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, When Peter Cottontail comes hopping down the bunny
2 trail to the home of the Honorable Jodie Laubenberg this year, he'd
3 better include a few candles in with those decorated eggs, as April
4 20, 2003, marks the joyous occasion of her birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Laubenberg is a third-generation
6 Texan and a proud graduate of The University of Texas at Austin;
7 while still in college, our esteemed colleague worked in these
8 hallowed halls as a Capitol tour guide and dreamed of the day when
9 this magnificent structure would house her own legislative office,
10 no doubt already planning how she'd decorate and organize it as
11 well; and

12 WHEREAS, A woman who puts the pulse in obsessive-compulsive,
13 Representative Laubenberg demonstrated her propensity for neatness
14 early in life, organizing her closet by color and charging her
15 little sister a buck a week to clean her side of the room; this
16 behavior has stayed with her through the years, according to her
17 grandmother, who got up one morning during a stay at her
18 granddaughter's house to get a drink of water and returned to her
19 bed to find that it had already been made up in the blink of an eye;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Determined to similarly tidy up affairs at the
22 local, state, and national levels of government, this Parker City
23 resident became active in Republican Party politics and in
24 supporting those candidates who shared her beliefs; possessing the

1 stamina of the Energizer Bunny, this tireless volunteer wasn't
2 content to stop there; her enthusiasm and drive found her "running
3 and running and running" to countless events that would eventually
4 lead to her election to the seat once held by Senator Kay Bailey
5 Hutchison as a member of the State Republican Executive Committee;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The devoted wife of Bob Laubenberg, with whom she
8 owns and manages a consulting company, Ms. Laubenberg is also the
9 mother of two children, David and Liz; through her myriad
10 endeavors, she has elevated multitasking to an art form and brought
11 her skills to bear as a member of the Dallas County Health
12 Department Program Review Board, the Collin County Park Foundation,
13 and the Parker City Council; and

14 WHEREAS, Swept into office as a state representative with
15 nearly 80 percent of the vote, she currently gives at least 110
16 percent of herself each day as a first-term member of this chamber,
17 and she shares her intelligence, enthusiasm, and enviable stamina
18 and focus with her colleagues as a member of the House Committee on
19 Local Government Ways and Means and as vice chair of the House
20 Committee on Public Health; and

21 WHEREAS, Always ready to vote aye in favor of chocolate,
22 pecan pie, and anything sweet, Representative Laubenberg remains
23 firmly committed to the theory that living well is the best revenge,
24 and we encourage our esteemed colleague to give herself the day off
25 on her birthday to explore this matter further; now, therefore, be
26 it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Jodie Laubenberg on
2 the occasion of her birthday and suggest to her that she throw
3 caution to the wind and go ahead and put all of her eggs in one
4 basket on her birthday, but just for that day; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Representative Laubenberg as an expression of warmest
7 best wishes for a restful, happy day by her colleagues in the Texas
8 House of Representatives.