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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donna Albus has earned widespread respect for her
2 deep commitment to maintaining the beauty of Abilene and the State
3 of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently president of Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB),
5 she oversees a \$1 million budget and projects to be implemented in
6 337 affiliate communities statewide; a seven-year KTB board member,
7 she has chaired the outreach, convention, and awards committees and
8 also serves as a trainer for Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas
9 Beautiful; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Albus's energy and creativity have fueled
11 numerous initiatives to dramatically reduce litter, increase
12 beautification, and implement recycling efforts in schools,
13 communities, and businesses throughout Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, She coordinated the initial "Abilene Make a
15 Difference Day," which drew 50,000 participants and won national
16 awards; another of her ideas--the 1997 city-wide crape myrtle
17 project--attracted national and international attention with the
18 title, "Myrtle is coming! Get Your Bed Ready"; as Abilene's
19 recycling coordinator and regional organizer for Texas Recycles
20 Day, she was responsible for programs that share surplus school
21 supplies, recycle phone books, paper, and cardboard, and reduce
22 waste on campuses; she successfully promoted the Adopt-a-Highway
23 initiative year-round and today, many students on Abilene school
24 campuses regularly clean an Adopt-a-Spot during recess; and

25 WHEREAS, In addition to a challenging schedule of volunteer

1 activities, Ms. Albus is also employed full-time as a member of the
2 donor relations team for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center;
3 moreover, her civic involvement has touched numerous
4 organizations, some of which are the Abilene Preservation League,
5 the Grace Museum, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart
6 Association, the PTA, the United Way, the Cultural Center and
7 Museum, and the Volunteer Center; and

8 WHEREAS, As a tribute to her notable contributions to her
9 community and state, she has been named an outstanding West Texas
10 woman by KRBC-TV and one of the five most interesting people in
11 Abilene by KTXS-TV, and she is a recipient of the All-American Pride
12 of Abilene honor; November 6, 1996, was Donna Albus Day in the city,
13 and the annual beautification award of Keep Abilene Beautiful has
14 been named for her; and

15 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of Donna Albus have
16 immeasurably affected the quality of life in Abilene and throughout
17 Texas, and it is a pleasure to salute her at this time; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Donna Albus for her extensive work to
21 preserve the beauty of the Lone Star State for her fellow citizens
22 and for future generations and extend to her best wishes for success
23 and happiness in the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Ms. Albus as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.