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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Velma Sue DeLeon has been named the Funeral Director
2 of the Year for 2002-2003 by the South Texas Funeral Directors
3 Association (STFDA), a fitting tribute to the outstanding
4 contributions she has made to the funeral service profession and to
5 the community of San Juan; and

6 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Ms.
7 DeLeon worked as an accountant until 1991, when she enrolled at
8 Houston's Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service and completed
9 an apprenticeship with Virgil Wilson Mortuaries; she became a
10 licensed funeral director in 1992, remaining at Virgil Wilson to
11 gain the expertise she would later apply, along with her previous
12 experience in business and accounting, to launch a successful
13 company of her own; and

14 WHEREAS, This new enterprise, Memorial Funeral Home of San
15 Juan, was built in partnership with her husband, and today it
16 provides exemplary service to more than 250 families a year in South
17 Texas; over the course of her distinguished career, Ms. DeLeon has
18 served as president of the STFDA and has also held various
19 leadership positions in professional associations at the local,
20 statewide, and national levels; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to her contributions to the funeral
22 service industry, she is a greatly admired civic leader; Ms. DeLeon
23 is the treasurer of the McAllen Sunset Lions Club and the
24 secretary-treasurer of the San Juan Chamber of Commerce Board of

1 Directors, and she has made many significant contributions to such
2 diverse organizations as the Pharr Folklife Festival Committee, the
3 Tri-City Business/Education Coalition, and the San Juan Hospice
4 Advisory Board; she brings both commitment and compassion to every
5 facet of her life, and her efforts in behalf of others are to be
6 heartily and sincerely commended; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Velma Sue DeLeon, the STFDA Funeral
9 Director of the Year for 2002-2003, and extend to her best wishes
10 for continued success; and, be it further

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