SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 644

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Leslie K. Bedford Memorial Foundation on the occasion of its Seventh Annual Charity and Awards Banquet, which is being held in Dallas on May 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis and George Bedford founded the private, nonprofit organization in 1994 in memory of their daughter and to cultivate her legacy and generous spirit by providing Building Block opportunities for girls and young women between the ages of 10 and 25; and

WHEREAS, The foundation provides a safe, nurturing environment to foster growth and development in young women and help them to maximize their potential as leaders and productive citizens in society; and

WHEREAS, In the first Building Block program for girls in the fourth to sixth grades, girls are taught methods to be used for fitting in with others, building self esteem and self confidence, developing social skills, and discovering their creativity; and

WHEREAS, The second Building Block program for young women in the seventh to ninth grades focuses on self-realization, building social skills, developing an appreciation of their own talents and individuality, and promoting good life decisions; and

WHEREAS, The foundation is honoring graduates of its Building Block programs at the banquet on May 30 in the 2003 Parade of Leaders; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Leslie K. Bedford Memorial Foundation for its worthy goals and its invaluable contributions to the young women of our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for all associated with this foundation as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate