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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Margarine G. Beaman of Austin has been presented a 2 MetLife Foundation Older Volunteers Enrich America Award by the 3 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Nominated by Travis County RSVP, Ms. Beaman is one of only 25 individuals to receive this prestigious national award that honors outstanding older volunteers for their contributions to their communities; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Beaman has long been a role model of civic service; volunteering nearly 2,000 hours annually, she has served as president of the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board and has lent her time to such worthy organizations as the Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman Program, the Capital Area Workforce Development Board, Central East Austin Community Organization, Crime Stoppers, Executive Women International, Reading is Fundamental, the East Austin Rotary, and the City of Austin Police Department; and

17 WHEREAS, Among her many notable achievements, Ms. Beaman 18 pioneered a project for the blind and visually impaired that led to 19 the world's first Braille instructions on ATM machines and mall 20 directories; she has coordinated hundreds of volunteers for 21 national conferences for the blind and locally assists in Braille 22 projects for banks, state buildings, libraries, museums, and public 23 elevators; and

WHEREAS, This notable Texan was previously recognized for her

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- 1 efforts when the Women's Chamber of Commerce named her one of the
- 2 Texas Women of the Century; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The future of the State of Texas, the strength of our
- 4 communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend,
- 5 in great measure, on the dedication of people who, like Margarine
- 6 Beaman, use their considerable talents and resources to serve
- 7 others; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Margarine
- 10 G. Beaman on her receipt of a MetLife Foundation Older Volunteers
- 11 Enrich America Award and extend to her best wishes for the future;
- 12 and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Ms. Beaman as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 15 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 529 was adopted by the House on May $10,\,2006$, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House