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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Beth Wheeler Fox has been named the Texas Librarian  
2 of the Year for 2006 by the Texas Library Association, and this most  
3 deserved honor provides an ideal time to recognize this esteemed  
4 woman and the myriad contributions she has made to her community and  
5 libraries across the Lone Star State; and

6           WHEREAS, Holding a library science degree and extensive  
7 experience in public, special, and college facilities, Ms. Fox  
8 accepted responsibilities as director of the Westbank Community  
9 Library in 1983; and

10           WHEREAS, Dedicated to transforming the then one-room  
11 facility into a state-of-the-art library, Ms. Fox recruited  
12 thousands of volunteers and contributors to help her accomplish her  
13 goal; the institution thrived under her leadership, and today it  
14 has been recognized as one of the best community libraries in the  
15 country and boasts a 5,000-square-foot building, an annual budget  
16 of \$200,000, and a staff of 11; and

17           WHEREAS, This notable Texan not only invested her time and  
18 talents in her own library but expanded her efforts to encompass the  
19 entire state; through hard work and determination, Ms. Fox helped  
20 to convince the Texas Legislature to enact laws establishing  
21 library districts, and this recognized authority on libraries and  
22 library districts has given of her time and talents as the owner and  
23 operator of the library advising corporation Beanstalk Consulting,  
24 Inc.; moreover, she is a regular featured speaker at seminars and

1 conferences and has authored *The Dynamic Community Library* and  
2 *Behind the Scenes of the Dynamic Library*; and

3 WHEREAS, Beth Fox is an eloquent advocate of literature and  
4 learning, and through her stewardship of the Westbank Community  
5 Library and her work in enriching community libraries across the  
6 state, she has indeed earned the lasting admiration and gratitude  
7 of her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Beth Wheeler  
10 Fox on being named the 2006 Texas Librarian of the Year by the Texas  
11 Library Association 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. Fox as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.