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H.R. No. 59

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dionne Phillips Bagsby of Fort Worth is retiring
2 from her position as Tarrant County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1,
3 concluding a distinguished 16-year tenure that has been
4 characterized by integrity and excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Bagsby has provided strong leadership and vision
6 as a member of the commissioners court since 1989, when she became
7 the first woman and first minority to earn election to that
8 governmental body; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to the important role she has played as a
10 county commissioner, she has lent her time and talents to a host of
11 worthy groups, serving on the board of directors of the Van Cliburn
12 Foundation, the Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation, and the
13 Community Justice Council; trained as an educator, she has also
14 benefited a number of organizations beyond the borders of Tarrant
15 County through her service on the boards of regents of Stephen F.
16 Austin State University and Texas College, and as a board member of
17 the High Frontier Residential Treatment Center in Fort Davis and
18 the Valmora Residential Treatment Center in Valmora, New Mexico;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Duly recognized for her accomplishments, Ms. Bagsby
21 has been named Executive Woman of the Year by the Zonta Club of Fort
22 Worth, Professional of the Year by the Association of Retarded
23 Citizens, and Most Influential Woman in Business by the *Fort Worth*
24 *Business Press*; she has also received the Edwina P. Allen,

1 Daughters of Destiny Community Service Award; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant is a graduate of
3 Illinois Wesleyan University who holds certification in
4 speech/pathology from George Peabody College for Teachers and a
5 master's degree from Texas Christian University; an alumnus of
6 Leadership Fort Worth, she is currently a member of Forum Fort
7 Worth; and

8 WHEREAS, Through her dedication and commitment, Dionne
9 Bagsby has gained the respect and appreciation of countless
10 citizens of Tarrant County, and her many friends and colleagues
11 wish her every happiness as she embarks on this new chapter in her
12 life; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Dionne Phillips Bagsby on her retirement
15 from the Tarrant County Commissioners Court and commend her for her
16 years of exemplary service; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Ms. Bagsby as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.