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H.R. No. 108

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Curtistene S. McCowan of DeSoto retired from her  
2 position as the senior investigator for the Federal Trade  
3 Commission Southwest Region Office on December 31, 2004, bringing  
4 to a close an exceptional tenure with the agency that has spanned 32  
5 years; and

6           WHEREAS, An invaluable asset to the organization, Ms. McCowan  
7 was lauded as the regional office's resident expert on a host of FTC  
8 trade regulation rules and consumer credit laws; in addition to her  
9 important work with consumer protection and antitrust matters, she  
10 served as coordinator of the Funeral Rule Enforcement Program for  
11 the area and collected numerous awards and honors for her work over  
12 the years, including the FTC Award for Outstanding Voluntarism; and

13           WHEREAS, Equally impressive are Ms. McCowan's contributions  
14 to her community, especially those made while officiating as  
15 president of the DeSoto ISD school board; in this pivotal role, she  
16 was highly instrumental in the implementation of a long-range  
17 strategic plan that included expanding the curriculum, renovating  
18 and constructing schools, and forming a group to promote racial  
19 harmony among students, parents, faculty, and staff; following her  
20 retirement from the board, she continued to work in behalf of the  
21 youth of the Lone Star State by volunteering with the PTA and was  
22 subsequently honored with a Texas PTA Life Member Award and a Heroes  
23 for Children Award; and

24           WHEREAS, In addition, this alumna of Dallas Baptist

1 University has given of her time and talents to the Kirkwood Temple  
2 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Concerned DeSoto Citizens,  
3 and the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,  
4 a group that enjoyed its most profitable fundraiser under her  
5 leadership; she is married to Leon R. McCowan and they are the  
6 parents of two married sons and have three granddaughters; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Curtistene McCowan set a  
8 sterling example of professional excellence as well as civic  
9 involvement, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity to  
10 recognize her innumerable contributions both in her work and in her  
11 community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Curtistene McCowan on her  
14 retirement from the Federal Trade Commission Southwest Region  
15 Office and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
16 it further

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