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H.R. No. 496

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kathy Burke of Irving celebrated a special milestone
2 in her life on February 8, 2005, her 60th birthday, and that
3 noteworthy occasion offered a fitting opportunity to reflect on her
4 many contributions to her community; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burke is the president and owner of Above &
6 Beyond Incentives, a distributor of promotional products, which has
7 won seven international awards for creativity and program
8 implementation; and

9 WHEREAS, This esteemed businesswoman is also a dedicated
10 community leader as evidenced by her work in behalf of the city of
11 Irving, where she has resided for the past 26 years; a former chair
12 of the Irving Chamber of Commerce, she is currently vice president
13 of the chamber's public affairs division; she has also served as
14 director of the Irving Economic Development Foundation Board,
15 president of the Irving Unit Board of Directors for the American
16 Cancer Society, media chair of the Governor's Commission on Women
17 in Texas Dinner, and corporate underwriting chair of the Irving
18 Healthcare System; moreover, she was a member of the Salvation Army
19 Irving advisory board and was appointed by the mayor to serve on the
20 Irving Centennial Task Force and the Irving Arts Board; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burke has received numerous civic awards,
22 including the Ambassador of the Year Award from the Irving Chamber
23 of Commerce, the Business Owner of the Year Award, and the Irving
24 Police Department Carol Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Supported by her loving husband and five children,
2 Mrs. Burke is truly an inspiration to her fellow citizens of Irving,
3 and it is a pleasure to honor her accomplishments; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Kathy Burke on her 60th birthday
7 and commend her for her unwavering commitment to her community;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mrs. Burke as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.