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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Truly at the vanguard in the field of Texas  
2 journalism, Barbara Funkhouser of Las Cruces, New Mexico, became  
3 the first woman to be named an editor of the *El Paso Times* when she  
4 assumed that position in 1980; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Funkhouser had a distinguished 30-year career  
6 with the publication, starting in 1960 and ending with her  
7 retirement as editorial page editor in 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, this notable writer earned her  
9 bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University; she has  
10 received state and national recognition for her work, and published  
11 a book entitled *The Caregivers: El Paso's Medical History,*  
12 *1898-1998*; now living on her family farm in Las Cruces, she is a  
13 regular contributor to the Las Cruces *Sun-News* editorial page; and

14 WHEREAS, Barbara Funkhouser has earned widespread respect  
15 and admiration, and she can take justifiable pride in her myriad  
16 achievements and illustrious career; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby honor Barbara Funkhouser on her accomplishments  
19 as the first woman to be an editor at the *El Paso Times* and extend to  
20 her best wishes for continued success in all of her endeavors; and,  
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Ms. Funkhouser as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.