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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donna Darovich retired from her position as director
2 of public affairs for The University of Texas at Arlington on
3 October 29, 2004, bringing to a close an exceptional tenure with the
4 school that spanned more than two decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A 1971 graduate of UTA, where she studied English
6 and served as the editor of the campus newspaper, *The Shorthorn*, Ms.
7 Darovich began her career that same year at the *Arlington*
8 *Citizen-Journal*; initially hired as the paper's homemaking editor,
9 she shortly thereafter became its first female city editor; and

10 WHEREAS, In the late 1970s, this talented journalist joined
11 the Pulitzer Prize winning news team of the *Fort Worth*
12 *Star-Telegram*; she experienced tremendous success as a features
13 writer and amassed more than 100 state and national awards for her
14 writing, including two first-place prizes for feature writing from
15 the Associated Press; moreover, she has twice been named the Most
16 Outstanding Woman Journalist in Texas by the Texas Press Women; and

17 WHEREAS, Combining her love of her alma mater and her
18 exceptional communication skills, Ms. Darovich returned to UTA in
19 1981 as director of news services and helped the school evolve into
20 a major university, tirelessly chronicling and promoting its many
21 achievements; with a staff of six, she produced monthly newsletters
22 and an annual media guide and implemented an array of successful
23 programs and publications, including *Comcast*, *UTA Today*, and the
24 *UTA Messenger*; and

1 WHEREAS, Described as "the consummate public affairs
2 professional," Ms. Darovich plans to draw on her legendary skills
3 and expertise in her retirement by assisting nonprofit
4 organizations and small businesses with publicity and marketing;
5 those who know her well hope and expect to continue seeing this
6 devoted "UTA FAN," as her Jeep Cherokee license plate pronounces,
7 at the school's athletic events; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout her rich and accomplished career, Donna
9 Darovich has earned the lasting respect and admiration of her
10 colleagues for her creativity, her genuine enthusiasm, and her
11 dedication; although she will be greatly missed, she leaves behind
12 a legacy of excellence that will not soon be forgotten; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Donna Darovich on her retirement as
16 director of public affairs for The University of Texas at Arlington
17 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and
18 happiness; and, be it further

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