

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Belinda Cowan is retiring from her position as  
2 executive director of the McAllen Boys & Girls Club on April 7,  
3 2005, bringing to a close an exceptional career with the  
4 organization that has spanned more than 10 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Under her exceptional leadership, the annual budget  
6 has grown from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million, and the number of children  
7 served by the club has more than tripled, increasing from 2,000 to  
8 7,400; moreover, she has ably overseen the organization's 63  
9 diversified programs and four units, including the new  
10 35,000-square-foot Glen E. and Rita K. Roney Center; and

11           WHEREAS, Before her tenure with the Boys & Girls Club, Ms.  
12 Cowan enjoyed a 20-year career with the McAllen Police Department;  
13 the city's first female officer and sergeant, she spearheaded a  
14 host of youth-oriented initiatives, including the city's D.A.R.E.  
15 and Officer Friendly programs and Teen Court; and

16           WHEREAS, In recognition of the indelible mark she has left on  
17 the community, March 28 was named a special day in her honor by the  
18 McAllen City Commission; Belinda Cowan may indeed reflect with  
19 pride on her successful career working in behalf of children, and  
20 with plans to eventually return to employment involving service to  
21 others, she will undoubtedly continue to benefit her city for years  
22 to come; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Belinda Cowan on her retirement as

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1 executive director of the McAllen Boys & Girls Club and extend to  
2 her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

3         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Ms. Cowan as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
5 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1169 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House