

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Monica Weisberg-Stewart is a truly noteworthy
2 business and civic leader in McAllen, and she is most deserving of
3 special recognition for her contributions and achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in McAllen, Ms. Weisberg-Stewart
5 earned a bachelor's degree in communications from The University of
6 Texas at Austin and worked in Wal-Mart's executive management
7 training program in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for several years;
8 she returned to the Valley to help expand her family's business and
9 to open a 20,000-square-foot store called Gilbert's; and

10 WHEREAS, After seeing a decline in McAllen's downtown, she
11 joined with other business leaders to form the Downtown Coalition,
12 which evolved into the Downtown Improvement District; at the time
13 of the group's inception, it was addressing the needs of an area
14 that was half-abandoned, but through careful organization and
15 fund-raising efforts, the coalition was able to leverage millions
16 of dollars and achieved an occupancy rate of about 90 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Weisberg-Stewart served on the board of the
18 First McAllen Development Corporation during a number of major
19 construction projects; she is on the Heart of the City board and the
20 board of Future McAllen and is in her second year as chair of the
21 McAllen Chamber of Commerce; she is also involved in the U.S. Visit
22 Program that is working to allow Mexicans the same visiting rights
23 as Canadians; and

24 WHEREAS, A devoted wife, mother, daughter, and civic leader,

1 Ms. Weisberg-Stewart continues to work to ensure the vitality of
2 her community; truly an inspiration, she is much admired by her
3 friends and neighbors, who undoubtedly appreciate her commitment to
4 the city of McAllen; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Monica Weisberg-Stewart for her
7 outstanding civic contributions and extend to her sincere best
8 wishes for continued success and accomplishment; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1742

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1742 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House