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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Gioia Keeney of
2 Corsicana has defined the highest qualities of community service
3 and civic leadership, and her birthday provides a fitting
4 opportunity to recognize her for her achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Michigan, Mrs. Keeney moved to Corsicana in
6 1972 when her husband, Arthur J. Keeney, became publisher of the
7 *Corsicana Daily Sun*; since that time, in such capacities as board
8 member, chairwoman, and president, she has put her exceptional
9 talents and energies at the service of innumerable worthy causes;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In the field of education, her leadership has
12 benefited the Navarro College Foundation, Corsicana Education
13 Foundation, J. L. Collins Catholic School Board, and Diocese of
14 Dallas Catholic School Board; moreover, in 1980 she chaired the
15 campaign to pass a bond issue for the Corsicana Independent School
16 District; and

17 WHEREAS, The immediate past president of the Palace Theater
18 Board, she currently chairs a fund-raising campaign to renovate
19 that local landmark; she also chaired the first fund-raising
20 campaign in Corsicana in support of the Dallas Symphony Regional
21 Concert Series, and she has helped to guide the Navarro Council of
22 the Arts, Corsicana Fine Arts Association, Warehouse Living Arts
23 Center, Texas Arts Council, and Texas Arts Alliance; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has similarly held leadership

1 positions with a number of social service and health-related
2 organizations, among them the United Way, Corsicana State Home,
3 Navarro Regional Hospital Auxiliary, V.O.I.C.E., and local groups
4 to support retarded citizens and address drug and alcohol abuse; in
5 addition, Mrs. Keeney chaired Food for Fitness, a project that
6 delivers meals to the elderly, for 20 years, and directed the Red
7 Cross blood drive for a decade; and

8 WHEREAS, Other worthy organizations and endeavors that she
9 has advanced include the Navarro Community Foundation, the
10 Corsicana Area Chamber of Commerce, programs for youth, and various
11 city commissions and boards; she has chaired a successful effort to
12 preserve the town's historic synagogue, as well as co-chaired a
13 successful municipal bond campaign; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney's exceptional contributions to
15 Corsicana and to education have earned her repeated recognition;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Through her tireless commitment to creating a
18 stronger, more vibrant community, Gioia Keeney has enriched
19 immeasurably the world around her and touched the lives of
20 countless fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor Gioia Keeney on the occasion of her 80th
23 birthday, July 27, 2005, and extend to her profound appreciation
24 for her sterling civic engagement; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mrs. Keeney as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.