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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Realtor Ebby Halliday of Dallas has been named a
2 2005 Distinguished American by the Horatio Alger Association; and

3 WHEREAS, The award recognizes Americans who have overcome
4 humble beginnings and various adversities to achieve outstanding
5 personal and professional success; and

6 WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Ebby Halliday
7 left a farm in Kansas and moved to Dallas in 1938 to pursue a career
8 selling hats; she quickly realized she had a talent for selling
9 houses, and her one-woman firm eventually grew to become Ebby
10 Halliday Realtors, which today has 27 branch offices and more than
11 1,200 sales associates; posting \$4.2 billion in sales for 2004, it
12 ranks 20th in the nation and first in Texas in residential sales;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to building a successful real estate
15 company, Ms. Halliday has been a mentor and role model for
16 individuals wanting to pursue a career in home sales, and she is a
17 dedicated philanthropist who donates her time and funds to numerous
18 organizations that benefit children, cultural and community
19 improvements, and scholarships and educational programs; and

20 WHEREAS, Ebby Halliday is truly an exceptional civic leader
21 and businesswoman who has helped to pave the way for women in what
22 had been a male-dominated profession in the 1940s and 1950s and
23 built one of the most successful real estate companies in the
24 country; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor Ebby Halliday on being named a 2005
3 Distinguished American by the Horatio Alger Association and extend
4 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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