

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nurse practitioner Deborah Bell of Gilmer has been
2 named a grand prize winner in the health and science category of
3 Johnson & Johnson's Remarkable Women contest; and

4 WHEREAS, Nominated by her close friend Cindy Murray of
5 Gilmer, Mrs. Bell was selected for her humanitarian work in
6 Guatemala; one of just four winners from 1,300 considered
7 nationwide, she won \$5,000 and a trip to New York City to appear on
8 the ABC morning talk show, *The View*; and

9 WHEREAS, A University of Texas at Tyler alumna and former
10 faculty member, Mrs. Bell dedicated 20 years to a nursing career
11 before a 2001 life-changing trip to Guatemala with a medical
12 mission team from a Texarkana church; inspired to become involved
13 in mission work, she has returned to the Central American nation
14 several times with teams of doctors, fellow nurse practitioners,
15 dentists, and optometrists for week-long clinics, to drill for
16 water, and to teach; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2002, Mrs. Bell helped found Refuge
18 International, a nonprofit organization focused on improving lives
19 in sparsely populated areas and is raising funds for a clinic in a
20 remote Guatemalan town; and

21 WHEREAS, Deborah Bell continues to be a positive force in
22 behalf of countless people in need, and she merits special
23 commendation for her invaluable contributions as a medical
24 professional and a caring volunteer; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby heartily congratulate Deborah Bell for being
3 named a Remarkable Woman by Johnson & Johnson and extend to her
4 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2064 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House