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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

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.