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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colleen C. Barrett of Dallas, president and
2 corporate secretary for Southwest Airlines, has received a 2005
3 Horatio Alger Award and was inducted as a lifetime member of the
4 Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, The award recognizes individuals who have overcome
6 humble beginnings and adversity to achieve great success; members
7 of the association serve as mentors and sponsor need-based
8 scholarships awarded annually to high school seniors; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Becker Junior College in Worcester,
10 Massachusetts, Ms. Barrett joined Southwest in 1978 as corporate
11 secretary and has served as vice president--administration,
12 executive vice president--customers, and chief operating officer;
13 before joining the much-respected airline, she worked for several
14 years as an executive assistant for Herb Kelleher, the current
15 chair of Southwest; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Barrett is also on the board of directors of
17 JCPenney Company, Inc., and the Better Business Bureau of
18 Metropolitan Dallas, Inc., and she is a member of the Dallas Forum
19 and the International Women's Forum; and

20 WHEREAS, No stranger to honors, this esteemed professional
21 has been recognized with countless awards and distinctions and has
22 been named one of the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes.com
23 and one of the top 50 leaders by *Fast Company* magazine; and

24 WHEREAS, Colleen Barrett is an exceptional civic leader and

1 businesswoman who truly embodies the spirit of this prestigious
2 award by demonstrating that hard work, perseverance, and integrity
3 are the cornerstones of success; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Colleen C. Barrett on her receipt
6 of the Horatio Alger Award and extend to her sincere best wishes for
7 continued achievement; and, be it further

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