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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Acclaimed Dallas dance instructors Wanda Madge  
2 Jones and her daughter, Angela Joan Ingels, both captured  
3 prestigious national titles at the American Queen Pageant in Port  
4 St. Lucie, Florida, on August 5, 2006; Ms. Jones was named  
5 Ms. Classic American Queen while Ms. Ingels was crowned as a  
6 Ms. American Queen; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones and Ms. Ingels began their triumphal year  
8 at the Texas American Queen State Pageant in February 2006, where  
9 Ms. Jones was crowned Ms. Texas Classic American Queen in the  
10 category for women age 50 and older; at the same event, Ms. Ingels  
11 garnered the title of Ms. Texas American Queen in the category of  
12 women of any marital status, ages 25 to 49; and

13 WHEREAS, At the age of 77, the indefatigable Ms. Jones has  
14 been winning contests for decades; a dancer since the age of four,  
15 she won the Tap Contest of Texas in 1936, when she was six; during  
16 World War II and the Korean War, she performed with the USO as part  
17 of the Jones Sisters; she has danced on the stage and in motion  
18 pictures and television productions, and she has choreographed  
19 shows for conventions and concerts; a graduate of Southern  
20 Methodist University with a bachelor's degree in accounting, she  
21 has more than 50 years of experience teaching dance; and

22 WHEREAS, The beautiful and gifted daughter of a beautiful and  
23 gifted mother, Angela Ingels is likewise a graduate of SMU, with a  
24 bachelor's degree in economics, and she has been a dance instructor

1 for more than 25 years; her dance troupe, Angela's Angels, has  
2 performed for retirement centers, on television, and for charitable  
3 organizations; she has participated in many beauty and talent  
4 competitions, including the Miss Texas and the Miss Wichita Falls  
5 pageants; and

6 WHEREAS, As accomplished as they are lovely and talented,  
7 Ms. Jones and Ms. Ingels are, respectively, the director and  
8 associate director of the Arabesque Studio of the Dance in Dallas;  
9 opened in 1969, Arabesque has taught tens of thousands of students  
10 in many varieties of dance, including tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop,  
11 ballroom, and Irish step dancing, and this mother and daughter  
12 team's commitment to this enterprise has enriched the cultural life  
13 of Dallas; and

14 WHEREAS, The beauty, poise, grace, and talent of Wanda Jones  
15 and Angela Ingels have been justly recognized by their remarkable  
16 matching victories at the national American Queen Pageant, and  
17 their attainment of these honors brings even greater distinction to  
18 these remarkable women; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Wanda Madge Jones and Angela Joan  
21 Ingels for winning national titles at the American Queen Pageant  
22 and offer each of them best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Ms. Jones and Ms. Ingels as an expression of high  
26 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.