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H.R. No. 501

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Martha Mitchell retired from her position as  
2 district clerk of Val Verde County in December 2006, concluding a  
3 distinguished public service career that extended nearly three  
4 decades; and

5           WHEREAS, It was in April 1977 that Martha Mitchell first went  
6 to work in the district clerk's office in Del Rio, beginning as  
7 chief deputy; four years later, she was hired as the court  
8 administrator for Judge James M. Simmonds in the county court at  
9 law; she remained in that position until January 1985, when she was  
10 appointed the Val Verde County district clerk, beginning her  
11 22-year tenure in that office; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell was elected to five consecutive terms  
13 as the district clerk, and her longevity is a testament to the  
14 excellent work she performed in maintaining the county's official  
15 records, recording and entering the acts, proceedings, and  
16 judgments of the court, and completing the many other  
17 administrative tasks of her office; and

18           WHEREAS, Highly respected by her peers, she has been a  
19 prominent figure in the County and District Clerks' Association of  
20 Texas, serving on and chairing numerous committees and speaking at  
21 association meetings, seminars, and conferences; moreover, she has  
22 been a member of the board of directors for the Texas District Court  
23 Alliance, which provides continuing education to district clerks in  
24 Texas; this accomplished administrator has also lent her

1 organizational skills to groups such as the American Red Cross in  
2 Del Rio, where she is an advisory board member, and the Del Rio Law  
3 Enforcement Officers' Association, where she was secretary; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has received a number of awards for her  
5 official and civic service; she was named woman of the year by the  
6 Del Rio Business and Professional Women's Club and volunteer of the  
7 year by both the Val Verde County Child Welfare Board and the Region  
8 8 Child Protective Services division; she had the prestigious honor  
9 in 2006 of being named Texas District Clerk of the Year by the  
10 County and District Clerks' Association of Texas; these  
11 commendations speak to the sterling reputation that Martha Mitchell  
12 built in her long and noteworthy career, and she may reflect proudly  
13 on her many achievements as an elected official; now, therefore, be  
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Martha Mitchell for her  
17 many years of exemplary service as the Val Verde County district  
18 clerk and extend to her best wishes for a satisfying retirement;  
19 and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Ms. Mitchell as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.