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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Joy Anderson from her position as
2 chief of staff for the Texas Youth Commission in August 2006 brought
3 to a close an exceptional career in public service that has spanned
4 decades and has included work for such notable Texas leaders as John
5 Connally, Lloyd Bentsen, and Ann Richards; and

6 WHEREAS, Joy Anderson began her tenure with the TYC in 1999;
7 in her pivotal position, she deftly handled such wide-ranging
8 responsibilities as strategic planning, governmental affairs, and
9 legislative, public, and media relations; as a member of the TYC's
10 Executive Council, she participated in policy decisions that made a
11 profound difference in the lives of countless Texas youth; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson's success with the TYC capped off a
13 career characterized by excellence in both the public and private
14 sectors; a summa cum laude graduate of Hunter College in New York
15 City, she had worked as a researcher for a public affairs television
16 show and as manager of constituent issues for Senator Daniel
17 Patrick Moynihan while in school; she returned to her native Texas
18 following her graduation and assisted former Governor John Connally
19 and former Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes with their real estate
20 business; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mrs. Anderson accepted a position as a
22 legislative liaison with then State Treasurer Ann Richards; after
23 serving as the Texas scheduler for vice presidential candidate
24 Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Mrs. Anderson returned to work as the deputy

1 manager of the Richards gubernatorial campaign and became deputy
2 chief of staff for Governor Richards on her election; and

3 WHEREAS, In this role, Mrs. Anderson coordinated the
4 governor's travel, facilitated town hall meetings across the state,
5 and served as the liaison with the National Governors Association,
6 recruiting key appointees and meeting with constituent groups and
7 legislators; following the governor's return to private life, Mrs.
8 Anderson continued her governmental service as the executive
9 assistant to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp before
10 joining the TYC; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is a graduate of the Management
12 Development Program at the Center for Creative Leadership and
13 Leadership Texas, and she was a member of the board and program
14 director for Executive Women in Texas Government; and

15 WHEREAS, Joy Anderson has served the State of Texas with
16 integrity and dedication, and she may take justifiable pride in her
17 achievements, knowing she has positively affected the lives of her
18 fellow citizens in myriad ways; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Joy Anderson on her retirement as
21 chief of staff for the Texas Youth Commission and commend her for
22 her many years of exceptional public service; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mrs. Anderson as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.