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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jay Arnold is retiring from Goodwill Industries of  
2 Central Texas in 2007, drawing to a close a notable tenure that  
3 spanned more than two decades; and

4           WHEREAS, Currently serving the company as vice president of  
5 retail services, Ms. Arnold joined Goodwill 22 years ago as a store  
6 manager, and her skill and determination led to her rapid rise  
7 through the ranks; and

8           WHEREAS, Under Ms. Arnold's leadership, Goodwill Industries  
9 of Central Texas has climbed in national standing from No. 45 to No.  
10 14 overall; the retail department has grown from a \$2.2 million  
11 operation in 1986 to an enterprise that generated more than \$25  
12 million in 2006; moreover, donations have increased 185 percent,  
13 and locally, Goodwill has increased from seven thrift stores,  
14 supported by nine Attended Donation Centers (ADCs), to 23 stores  
15 and 25 donation centers; and

16           WHEREAS, Ms. Arnold has overseen the establishment of two  
17 very successful outlet stores, both generating sales of more than  
18 \$1 million annually; she was also integral in the decision to sell  
19 books at ADC sites, and the revenue generated from this venture now  
20 covers nearly 80 percent of rent; and

21           WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Jay Arnold has set a notable  
22 example of professionalism to which all may aspire, and she may  
23 reflect with pride on her many achievements as she prepares to  
24 embark on a well-deserved retirement; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby congratulate Jay Arnold on her retirement from  
3   Goodwill Industries of Central Texas and extend to her sincere best  
4   wishes for the future; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6   prepared for Ms. Arnold as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
7   House of Representatives.