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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Melonie R. Dutton Lewis has been named as a 1 2 recipient of the Audrey Lawson Impact Award for service in the 3 community, and her selection for this honor is indicative of the positive effect she has had on the lives of her fellow citizens; and 4 5 WHEREAS, A 1986 graduate of the High School for the Health 6 Professions in Houston, Dr. Dutton Lewis earned her bachelor's degree from Howard University and her doctor of dental surgery from 7 The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston; after completing 8 a pediatric dental residency in 1996, she began her practice with 9 the Almeda Dental Group; in March 2000, she opened The Children's 10

11 Dental Universe in Texas City, and she later founded the Dutton 12 Lewis & Associates Family Dental in Houston; and

WHEREAS, Above and beyond the duties of her practice, Dr. 13 14 Dutton Lewis sees patients at a private health clinic in Fort Bend and works with special needs patients of Galveston County; 15 16 moreover, she provides dental services at no charge to children who would otherwise do without; she is a member of numerous 17 professional organizations, including the Ninth District Dental 18 Society, the American Dental Association, the Texas Dental 19 Association, the National Dental Association, the American Academy 20 21 of Pediatric Dentistry, and the Charles H. George Dental Society; 22 and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Dutton Lewis shares her time speaking to youth 24 at area schools on the importance of good oral hygiene and obtaining

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a quality education, and she and her husband, Therron Lewis, host an annual Back-to-School Fair where they provide school supplies; in 2006, the couple served as the honorary chairs of the mask ball of the Houston Area Urban League, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, By taking a proactive role in her community, Melonie 6 Dutton Lewis has rightfully earned the respect and admiration of 7 countless people, and her receipt of this award is indeed well 8 deserved; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Melonie R. Dutton Lewis on her 11 receipt of the Audrey Lawson Impact Award for service in the 12 community and extend to her best regards for continued success in 13 all her endeavors; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 15 prepared for Dr. Dutton Lewis as an expression of high regard by the 16 Texas House of Representatives.

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