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H.R. No. 661

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Deavra A. Daughtry has been named as a recipient of  
2 the Audrey Lawson Impact Award for service in the community, and her  
3 selection for this honor is indicative of the positive effect she  
4 has had on the lives of her fellow citizens; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Ms. Daughtry grew up helping  
6 her grandmother care for their neighbors in the Acres Home  
7 community and went on to pursue a career in social services with  
8 Harris County; moved to do more, she volunteered as a caregiver for  
9 the elderly and disabled and subsequently made it her mission to  
10 provide quality care to this segment of the population; in 1997, she  
11 founded Excel-E-Care, a personal home assistance services agency,  
12 which grew from one employee to more than 40 by the end of its first  
13 year; today, more than 500 employees help the company achieve its  
14 goals; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. Daughtry has organized Excellent  
16 Care Management, which is furthering and expanding the mission of  
17 Excel-E-Care through the development of a senior community, and she  
18 has formed the Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation, a nonprofit  
19 organization that strives to help women and their families reach  
20 their fullest potential; over the years, she has received numerous  
21 honors, including the YMCA Minority Achievers Award and the  
22 Pinnacle Award from the Greater Houston Citizen Chamber of  
23 Commerce; in 2005, she was named a "Texas 40 and Under Overachiever"  
24 by *Eclipse* magazine; and

1           WHEREAS, By taking a proactive role in her community, Deavra  
2 Daughtry has rightfully earned the respect and admiration of  
3 countless people, and her receipt of this award is indeed well  
4 deserved; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Deavra A. Daughtry on her receipt  
7 of the Audrey Lawson Impact Award for service in the community and  
8 extend to her best regards for continued success in all her  
9 endeavors; and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Ms. Daughtry as an expression of high regard by the  
12 Texas House of Representatives.