

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Locally owned businesses are essential to the
2 well-being of Texas, providing an economic and cultural foundation
3 for communities all across the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, The Skate Whirl roller rink in Wichita Falls has
5 offered citizens of that city fun and recreation for over 30 years;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Now owned and run by Ray and Karen Gordon, the rink
8 offers family-friendly entertainment on a 14,000 square foot
9 skating floor, along with a snack bar, video games, a pool table,
10 air hockey, and a pro shop; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon began working at Skate Whirl as a disc
12 jockey in 1974, when the rink was owned by Jack and Jean Singleton;
13 after the rink was destroyed by the devastating tornado of 1979, Mr.
14 Gordon helped to rebuild the rink, and by 1982, he and his wife,
15 Karen, had begun running the business; and

16 WHEREAS, Now serving a second generation of skaters, Skate
17 Whirl offers area residents opportunities for birthday parties,
18 private parties, and special events, all in a safe, family-oriented
19 environment; as a venue for community activity and wholesome
20 diversion, the rink is an important factor in the quality of life in
21 Wichita Falls; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Ray and Karen Gordon on the success
24 of Skate Whirl and extend to them best wishes for continued good

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1 fortune with their family-owned business; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the Gordons as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1288 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House