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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Sharon Strain, the executive director of 2 Galveston Housing Authority, is ending one chapter of her life and 3 beginning another with her retirement at the end of May 2007; and WHEREAS, The Galveston Housing Authority oversees nearly 4 5 1,000 units of federally subsidized housing, a rental assistance program, and several programs promoting home ownership; and 6 WHEREAS, In her 10 years directing the housing authority, Ms. 7 Strain has been instrumental in revitalizing the public housing 8 system in Galveston; taking charge of the organization during a 9 challenging time in its history, she successfully worked to restore 10 the authority's "high performer" rating with the U.S. Department of 11 12 Housing and Urban Development; and 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Strain's superb management skills have been 14 matched by her genuine compassion for the residents of public housing; not only has she worked to ensure housing for Galveston's 15 neediest and most vulnerable citizens, she has also been a leader in 16 the effort to help low-income and middle-income residents buy their 17 18 own homes; and WHEREAS, Sharon Strain may indeed reflect with pride on her 19 innovative leadership, which has helped to ensure a brighter future 20

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Legislature hereby commend Sharon Strain on her outstanding tenure

with the Galveston Housing Authority and extend best wishes to her

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

for countless area Texans; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 for a happy retirement; and, be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 3 prepared for Ms. Strain as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 4 House of Representatives.