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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the U.S. Small Business  
2 Administration has recognized outstanding small business owners  
3 for their contributions to the nation's economy during National  
4 Small Business Week; and

5           WHEREAS, The SBA Houston District Office, which serves 32  
6 counties and some 350,000 businesses, is honoring 10 outstanding  
7 individuals on May 11, 2007, at the Small Business Week Awards  
8 Luncheon; the event is being sponsored by the Houston chapter of  
9 SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education  
10 and the formation, growth, and success of the nation's small  
11 businesses; and

12           WHEREAS, Sheila Lee Coates has been named the Home-Based  
13 Champion of the Year; born in Munich, Germany, she spent most of her  
14 youth in Corpus Christi, where she devoted her summer vacations to  
15 helping out in her family's sandwich distribution company; once  
16 this operation was sold, she moved to Katy and started her own  
17 home-based business with the help of her father; the company, Chuck  
18 Wagon Services, opened in June 2004, and it supplies and  
19 distributes nostalgic Mexican and American snack products to  
20 convenience and specialty stores in the Houston and Austin areas;  
21 Chuck Wagon Services has enjoyed great success in moving its  
22 inventory and has received an SBA loan to expand its operations; and

23           WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and  
24 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides

1 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to  
2 the economic vitality of their communities through their  
3 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Sheila Lee Coates on her selection  
6 as the 2007 Home-Based Champion of the Year by the Houston District  
7 Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and extend to her  
8 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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