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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Barbara Welder of Beeville has received the 2007
2 John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership Award
3 from the Texas Historical Commission for her outstanding leadership
4 in carrying out an aggressive and well-balanced preservation
5 program; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Welder is a leading advocate of area
7 preservation and tourism, and as chair of the Bee County Historical
8 Commission, she has been instrumental in securing markers and
9 designations for several noteworthy sites; and

10 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas and Texas A&M
11 University, where she earned a doctorate in education, Dr. Welder
12 serves as an associate professor of Spanish at Our Lady of Corpus
13 Christi University; in addition to teaching stints at Texas
14 A&M--Corpus Christi, University of Houston--Victoria, Coastal Bend
15 College, and the English Language Institute in Mexico, she has
16 co-authored a textbook for Prentice-Hall and served as a consultant
17 for McGraw-Hill Publishing Company; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Welder has positively influenced her community
19 through her involvement in a variety of organizations, including
20 the boards of the Joe Barnhart Bee County Library and Rialto Theater
21 and the grant-writing team of the Bee County Courthouse; and

22 WHEREAS, The recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship and a
23 National Defense Education Act Fellowship, Dr. Welder has worked to
24 include heritage education in school curricula through

1 partnerships with the Bee County Library, Rialto Theater, the
2 Juneteenth Committee, the Texas Historical Commission, and
3 Beeville ISD; and

4 WHEREAS, Barbara Welder stands as an inspiring example of how
5 one person can better a community through civic dedication, and the
6 John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership Award is
7 a fitting recognition of her exemplary achievements; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Barbara Welder on her receipt
11 of the John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership
12 Award from the Texas Historical Commission and extend to her
13 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work
14 in preservation; and, be it further

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