

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, Michele Falzon of Friendswood, the owner of
13 F. W. Gartner Thermal Spraying, Ltd., has been honored with her
14 company's selection as the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of
15 the Year; the company was founded by Mrs. Falzon's
16 great-grandfather, Fred Gartner, in 1923; Mrs. Falzon is a former
17 educator who began her employment in the family business in 1982 as
18 a receptionist and was named owner and president in 1988; and

19 WHEREAS, Under her guidance, the company has thrived, and
20 today, it retains a client base of some of the largest corporations
21 worldwide and provides services to myriad industries and agencies,
22 including the U.S. Office of Naval Research; in addition,
23 Mrs. Falzon has helped sales increase from \$3 million to \$11
24 million, and her leadership has not only benefited her more than 50

1 employees but been a boon to the Texas Association of Business,
2 which she currently serves as chair; and

3 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and
4 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides
5 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to
6 the economic vitality of their communities through their
7 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Michele Falzon on the selection of
10 F. W. Gartner Thermal Spraying, Ltd., as the 2007 Jeffrey Butland
11 Family-Owned Business of the Year by the Houston District Office of
12 the U.S. Small Business Administration and extend to her best
13 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1901

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1901 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House