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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, Rhonda Lewis has been named the Financial Services
13 Champion of the Year; after receiving her bachelor of business
14 administration degree from The University of Texas, she began her
15 banking career as a credit analyst for Republic Bank Houston in
16 1979; she later worked for 13 years with Omnibank, where she was
17 elected executive vice president and director overseeing the
18 lending activities of loan officers at three branches; in addition,
19 she had responsibility for servicing a loan portfolio totaling \$50
20 million; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis joined Wells Fargo SBA Lending as credit
22 manager in 1999; she is responsible for credit underwriting for
23 7(a), 504, and Express products; she focuses her attention on loans
24 processed throughout the state and also serves as team lead,

1 overseeing the workflow and approving SBA loans for other
2 underwriters; and

3 WHEREAS, Active in the Houston Association of Government
4 Guaranteed Lenders, Ms. Lewis most recently served on its education
5 committee; she was instrumental in developing the program for the
6 Mid America Lender's Conference held at The Woodlands in August
7 2005; furthermore, she served as the president of Financial Women
8 International in 1995 and chaired the Texas District Conference in
9 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and
11 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides
12 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to
13 the economic vitality of their communities through their
14 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Rhonda Lewis on her selection as
17 the 2007 Financial Services Champion of the Year by the Houston
18 District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and
19 extend to her best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Ms. Lewis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.