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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After 56 years of dedicated service with American
2 Amicable Life Insurance Company in Waco, Helen Rose Quiram is
3 retiring on May 18, 2007, concluding a remarkable tenure
4 characterized by great accomplishment; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Quiram began her employment at American Amicable
6 on February 8, 1951, as a messenger/mail clerk, and her career has
7 seen steady advancement over the course of more than five decades;
8 after being promoted to file clerk, she went on to work in the
9 accounting and data processing departments before accepting a
10 position in special projects; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed woman served as executive secretary to
12 senior vice president of finance Thomas B. Westbrook for more than
13 30 years and was named as the company's real estate coordinator and
14 leasing agent after Mr. Westbrook's retirement; she earned a real
15 estate license in order to perform the duties related to that job,
16 and she continued in that role until her retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, Notably, Ms. Quiram was working in the ALICO
18 Building on May 11, 1953, when a devastating tornado touched down
19 and destroyed much of the downtown Waco area surrounding the
20 building; that disaster caused the deaths of 114 people and injured
21 more than 500, and Helen Quiram subsequently took on the role of
22 historian in an effort to aid individuals researching that terrible
23 day in Waco's history; and

24 WHEREAS, A longtime leader of the Altrusa International Club

1 of Waco and a devoted member of the Republican Party, Helen Quiram
2 served the McLennan County Republican Party as secretary for 12
3 years and as vice chair for eight years; in addition to serving as
4 the party election coordinator for many years, she represented
5 Senate District 22 as a member of the State Republican Executive
6 Committee and was elected as presidential elector for the state of
7 Texas in 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Quiram served with distinction on the Texas
9 Cosmetology Commission after her appointment by Texas Governor
10 George W. Bush; moreover, the Texas Federation of Republican Women
11 honored her with the special TFRW Tribute to Women Recognition, and
12 she was the cochair of the largest TFRW State Convention in the
13 organization's history; and

14 WHEREAS, Through her work and through her political activism,
15 Helen Quiram has made a positive difference in the lives of
16 countless people, and her legacy of achievement will resonate for
17 years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Helen Rose Quiram on the occasion
20 of her retirement from American Amicable Life Insurance Company and
21 commend her for her longtime service to the Republican Party; and,
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Ms. Quiram as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.