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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Keep Houston Beautiful is participating in the Keep
America Beautiful nationwide Great American Cleanup campaign being

3 held from April 14 through May 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The city's leading organization devoted 4 5 beautification, litter reduction, and recycling education since 1979, Keep Houston Beautiful has reduced litter by 77 percent in the 6 past 10 years; moreover, it has fostered community involvement 7 through such worthy programs as Adopt-a-Block 8 Clean and Neighborhoods and through its partnership with neighborhood 9 associations and civic clubs throughout the city; and 10

WHEREAS, The 2007 Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup campaign draws participation from nearly 2.5 million people in 15,000 communities across the nation; during the 2006 campaign over 5.5 million trees and flowers were planted and over 6,000 miles of riverbank, lakeshore, and coastline were cleaned; and

WHEREAS, Kicking off this year's event with Keep Houston Beautiful Day on April 14, Keep Houston Beautiful has coordinated events in neighborhoods throughout the city, including West Bellaire Chinatown, Sunnyside, and the Second Ward; prizes are being awarded for the most cigarette butts collected in the citywide Cigarette Butt Scavenger Hunt, and opportunities have been made available for local citizens to dispose of used automotive oil and passenger car tires at Firestone Tire and Service Centers; and

WHEREAS, Through its participation in this admirable

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- 1 campaign, Keep Houston Beautiful and its caring volunteers are
- 2 helping to improve the health, cleanliness, and quality of life
- 3 enjoyed by residents of the city of Houston, as well as promoting
- 4 volunteerism, civic responsibility, and community involvement, and
- 5 it is fitting that all those involved be recognized for their
- 6 generous contribution of time and energy; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby commend Keep Houston Beautiful for its
- 9 participation in the Great American Cleanup and extend to the
- 10 organization and its volunteers best wishes for continued success;
- 11 and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Keep Houston Beautiful as an expression of high regard
- 14 by the Texas House of Representatives.