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H.R. No. 2536

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding volunteer  
2 service, Patty Williams received a 2007 Jefferson Award for Public  
3 Service at a ceremony held at Lamar University in Beaumont on March  
4 6, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in 1972 by the American Institute for  
6 Public Service, the awards are presented both nationally and  
7 locally, with the local awards honoring ordinary people for  
8 performing extraordinary service without expectation of reward;  
9 the awards for southeast Texas have been sponsored since 1990 by the  
10 *Beaumont Enterprise*, which selected 11 volunteers this year out of  
11 50 nominations; and

12           WHEREAS, After losing a loved one to suicide, and meeting  
13 others whose lives had been touched by suicide, Ms. Williams  
14 founded the Southeast Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition in January  
15 2005; the group provides support for those who have lost someone to  
16 suicide and counseling for those who may be considering taking  
17 their own lives; and

18           WHEREAS, The public relations director for Communities in  
19 Schools, Ms. Williams is active as well with the Shorkey Center in  
20 Beaumont, which is a resource for disabled children, and with the  
21 Junior League of Beaumont; she has also aided two families in the  
22 Philippines since a visit there in 2005; and

23           WHEREAS, Patty Williams has given generously of her time and  
24 resources to benefit her fellow citizens, and it is indeed fitting

1 that she be recognized with this notable honor; now, therefore, be  
2 it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Patty Williams on her selection as  
5 a recipient of a 2007 Jefferson Award by the *Beaumont Enterprise* and  
6 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
7 further

8           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Patty Williams as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.