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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding volunteer
2 service, Georgeanne Wallen received a 2007 Young Jefferson Award
3 for Public Service at a ceremony held at Lamar University in
4 Beaumont on March 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, A student at the Texas Academy of Leadership in the
13 Humanities at Lamar University, Ms. Wallen volunteers as a computer
14 instructor and tutor for senior citizens at the Best Years Center in
15 Beaumont, patiently helping seniors master unfamiliar technology;
16 her energy, drive, and good cheer have led those who know her to
17 joke that she does not have an "off" button; and
18   WHEREAS, Her other community service activities include
19 volunteering at the Mickey Mehaffy House, a shelter for abused
20 children, and organizing a blood and organ transplant drive; as a
21 student council advisor at the Texas Academy, she organized outings
22 with other students to help build a sense of community; and
23   WHEREAS, Ms. Wallen has given generously of her time and
24 energy to benefit her fellow citizens, and it is indeed fitting that

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

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

3 Legislature hereby congratulate Georgeanne Wallen on her selection

4 as a recipient of a 2007 Young Jefferson Award by the *Beaumont*

5 *Enterprise* and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued

6 success; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for Ms. Wallen as an expression of high regard by the Texas

9 House of Representatives.