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H.R. No. 2541

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding volunteer
2 service, Margaret DeLong Mason LeBlanc received a 2007 Jefferson
3 Award 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 Jefferson Awards are presented both nationally
7 and 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, Now 92 years old, Mrs. LeBlanc has been knitting
13 booties for children at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas
14 since 1950; having first learned to knit pea caps for sailors during
15 World War II, Mrs. LeBlanc today knits between 20 and 30 baby
16 booties a month; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. LeBlanc worked as a nurse for many years at Park
18 Place Hospital in Port Arthur, and she began knitting baby booties
19 at the suggestion of the wife of Texas Governor Alan Shivers; she
20 also knits slippers for sick friends and has created almost 50 pairs
21 of them for residents of her retirement community; and

22 WHEREAS, For 57 years, Margaret LeBlanc has given generously
23 of her time, talent, and resources to benefit her fellow citizens,
24 and it is indeed fitting that she be recognized with this notable

1 honor; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Margaret DeLong Mason LeBlanc on
4 her selection as a recipient of a 2007 Jefferson Award by the
5 *Beaumont Enterprise* and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
6 future; and, be it further

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