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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The retirement of Terri Burke from the *Abilene*  
2 *Reporter-News* in 2007 brings to a close a tenure marked by steadfast  
3 commitment to journalistic excellence; and

4           WHEREAS, After working with publications in Albuquerque,  
5 Hartford, Dallas, and Austin, Mrs. Burke became editor of the  
6 *Abilene Reporter-News* in 1999, assuming a role historically held by  
7 men; and

8           WHEREAS, Under her able stewardship, the paper established a  
9 community-based editorial board from a cross-section of Abilene's  
10 population; the group, whose members change every six months, helps  
11 to ensure that all aspects of the city are represented within the  
12 pages of the *Reporter-News*; and

13           WHEREAS, Mrs. Burke is an active and vital member of her  
14 community; a board member of Friendship House and Day Nursery of  
15 Abilene, she has served as president of the Nonprofit Management  
16 Center at Abilene Christian University and chair of the Fall March  
17 of Dimes gala; she also established Abilene Dinner Table, which  
18 brings together residents from diverse backgrounds in an effort to  
19 improve understanding between different races, religions, and  
20 cultures; this endeavor has been such a success that Hardin-Simmons  
21 University has incorporated the concept into its Connecting Caring  
22 Communities program; and

23           WHEREAS, Throughout her exceptional career, this devoted  
24 wife and mother has enjoyed the love and support of her husband,

1 Michael, and daughters Kelly and Kate; in her free time, she enjoys  
2 golf with friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burke has contributed immeasurably to the  
4 success of the *Abilene Reporter-News* and to the betterment of her  
5 community, and she may reflect with pride on her considerable  
6 contributions to her fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Terri Burke on the occasion of her  
9 retirement as editor of the *Abilene Reporter-News* and extend to her  
10 sincere best wishes for success and happiness in her future  
11 endeavors; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mrs. Burke as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.