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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, January 1, 2008, will mark the end of an era in the
2 Austin arts community as Pebbles Wadsworth steps down from her
3 position as director of the Performing Arts Center at The
4 University of Texas at Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Wadsworth came to the Capitol City from the UCLA
6 Performing Arts Center in 1992, and she has served in the position
7 longer than all four of her predecessors combined; the UT
8 Performing Arts Center, which is currently celebrating its 25th
9 anniversary, consists of Bass Concert Hall, Hogg Memorial
10 Auditorium, the Bates Recital Hall, the B. Iden Payne Theatre,
11 McCullough Theatre, and the Oscar B. Brockett Theatre, and together
12 these six venues host more than a quarter of a million visitors
13 annually; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career at the PAC, Ms.
15 Wadsworth has helped transform the center into one of the most
16 preeminent performing arts venues in the country; in addition to
17 bringing world-class artists and programs to UT, she has
18 established an endowment fund, promoted the institution as a
19 rehearsal and development facility for musical productions, laid
20 the groundwork for a \$14.7 million renovation of Bass Concert Hall,
21 and founded ArtesAmericas, a program encouraging Latin American
22 artists to use UT as a point of entry for North American tours and a
23 key element in extending the university's artistic reach into Latin
24 America; and

1 WHEREAS, The first female president of the International
2 Society for the Performing Arts, Pebbles Wadsworth has been the
3 heart and soul of the PAC for 15 years, and her exemplary efforts
4 not only have been of immeasurable benefit to Austin and Texas but
5 have distinguished her as a professional of the highest caliber;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Pebbles Wadsworth on her
9 retirement as director of The University of Texas at Austin
10 Performing Arts Center and recognize her as an honorary Texan in
11 acknowledgment of her myriad contributions to the cultural vitality
12 of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ms. Wadsworth as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives and as formal proof of her new status
16 as an honorary Texan.