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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Teri E. Flack begins a new chapter of her life with
2 her retirement on May 31, 2007, after 26 years of outstanding
3 service to the state; and

4 WHEREAS, After graduating summa cum laude from Southwest
5 Texas State University with a degree in history and political
6 science, Ms. Flack worked for the consumer protection division of
7 the Office of the Attorney General; her duties included
8 investigating violations of the Consumer Protection Act, leading
9 investigative teams, managing the consumer protection legislative
10 program, and training investigative staff; through her work for the
11 attorney general's office, Ms. Flack rendered exemplary service to
12 consumers and the people of Texas and worked closely with the Texas
13 Legislature to end abuses in the telemarketing and psychiatric
14 hospital industries; and

15 WHEREAS, Returning to her alma mater to earn a master's
16 degree in business administration, Ms. Flack then joined the staff
17 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as director of
18 governmental relations and public information; in that capacity,
19 she acted as the agency's liaison to the Texas Legislature and
20 executive branch, developing policy and negotiating among
21 competing parties, and drafting legislation and providing resource
22 information; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Flack went on to support the work of the Texas
24 Legislature in 1999 in creating the TEXAS Grant program that has

1 helped tens of thousands of needy students attend college and that
2 will pay dividends for future generations of Texans; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Flack's growing expertise in policy and budget
4 matters regarding higher education resulted in her 2001 selection
5 as deputy commissioner of the coordinating board, and she has since
6 acted as its chief operating officer; she has expanded her role in
7 developing and implementing higher education policy and championed
8 the goals of *Closing the Gaps by 2015*, the state's higher education
9 plan; and

10 WHEREAS, During the past three legislative sessions, members
11 of the Texas Legislature have benefited from Ms. Flack's knowledge
12 of the intricacies of the coordinating board budget and her ability
13 to answer questions in detail on such diverse topics as financial
14 aid, research, tuition revenue bonds, graduate medical education,
15 loan programs, academic programs, higher education finance,
16 facilities, accountability, enrollments, and
17 college-readiness--all of which she can explain lucidly, calmly,
18 and respectfully for hours on end; and

19 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, Teri Flack has
20 served the State of Texas with great skill and commitment, and
21 through her distinguished service, she has made an invaluable
22 contribution to Texas consumers, to students enrolled in Texas
23 colleges and universities, and to higher education throughout the
24 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
26 Legislature hereby honor Teri E. Flack for her outstanding career
27 and extend to her sincere best wishes for a very happy and rewarding

1 retirement; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Ms. Flack as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.