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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Cathy Pope has been honored by the YWCA of Lubbock
2 with a Women of Excellence Award for her remarkable achievements in
3 the field of government and human services, and her selection for
4 this tribute is most fitting; and

5 WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award was created in 1989 to
6 emphasize the vital roles that women play in both the civic and
7 professional worlds, honoring women for their achievements and for
8 their contributions to the community as leaders and volunteers; and

9 WHEREAS, Cathy Pope's education, training, career, and
10 passion have been directed toward supporting people with
11 disabilities and reducing harmful misconceptions of mental
12 illness, mental retardation, and chemical dependency; today, she
13 has an outstanding record of success in advancing the cause of
14 mental health as executive director of the Lubbock Regional Mental
15 Health Mental Retardation Center (MHMR); and

16 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas Tech University, Mrs. Pope
17 earned a bachelor's degree in government in 1972 and a master's
18 degree in sociology in 1977; also a licensed master social worker
19 and chemical dependency counselor, she has opened two halfway
20 houses and assumed operational responsibility for a third, created
21 the first 24-hour crisis mobile team in the state, established the
22 first outpatient day program for people with mental illness, and
23 implemented the Mental Retardation Local Authority Program; and

24 WHEREAS, Named to the executive director position in 2008,

1 Mrs. Pope is responsible for a \$25 million organization with more
2 than 400 people providing services to over 6,000 Lubbock-area
3 residents; in addition to securing funding for a facility to house
4 the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, she oversees the
5 administration of local AIDS programs and the Community Youth
6 Development Grant; and

7 WHEREAS, During her notable 30-year career, Mrs. Pope has
8 served MHMR as Community Support Services director, director of the
9 Mental Health Program, deputy director for Mental Health and
10 Substance Abuse Services, and deputy director for Network
11 Management; she also designed and managed construction of Sunrise
12 Canyon Hospital and created MHMR's network management division; and

13 WHEREAS, Active in many state and local cooperative
14 initiatives, Mrs. Pope was an original member of the Texas
15 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Commissioner's
16 Case Management Task Force and a founding member of the local
17 chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and has worked
18 with the Department of State Health Services on the Resiliency and
19 Disease Management Service Delivery System; and

20 WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Women of Excellence Award,
21 Cathy Pope joins an elite group of women who have been honored by
22 the YWCA of Lubbock; distinguished by her intelligence,
23 determination, and talent, she is indeed a worthy role model for
24 this and future generations; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby congratulate Cathy Pope on receiving a 2009 Women of
27 Excellence Award from the YWCA of Lubbock and extend to her sincere

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1 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mrs. Pope as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives and Senate.