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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lynn Whitten was named Woman of the Year by
2 Executive Women in Texas Government at the organization's annual
3 conference on November 24, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, The eldest of four children, Lynn Whitten was born
5 in San Antonio and spent her youth in Dallas and in Austin; she
6 graduated from Austin High School and performed with Ballet Austin
7 before earning a bachelor's degree in history and a certificate in
8 social work from The University of Texas at Austin; she later worked
9 as an assistant sergeant-at-arms for the Texas House of
10 Representatives and served as a deputy constable for Travis County
11 from 1977 to 1981; in addition, she volunteered for voter
12 registration drives and political campaigns, and she worked for Ann
13 Richards during the future governor's tenure as Travis County
14 commissioner in the early 1980s; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1983, Ms. Whitten earned a master's degree from
16 the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs at U.T.; her career in state
17 government began when she took a position as a systems analyst for
18 the Railroad Commission; she went on to serve the State Treasury and
19 the Comptroller of Public Accounts and held a variety of positions
20 with those agencies, including executive administrator, business
21 manager, quality assurance specialist, and contingency planning
22 coordinator; she is currently employed by the Department of
23 Information Resources, Technical Center Operations Division, as a
24 service representative on the Data Center Services consolidation

1 project; over the course of her years in state government, she has
2 developed significant expertise in the areas of large-scale project
3 management and process improvement; and

4 WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Ms. Whitten has
5 found time to devote to her community; in addition to working on
6 numerous political initiatives, she has served on the Austin
7 Tenants' Council Board for more than two decades; she is also a 2001
8 graduate of Leadership Texas and has remained active in its alumni
9 association; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed citizen has further distinguished
11 herself through her commitment to Executive Women in Texas
12 Government, which she joined in 1996, and she has contributed to the
13 organization in myriad ways; she was the chair of the Nominating
14 Committee for the 2009 Board of Directors, and she has had such
15 additional roles as president of the board in 2003, communications
16 director in 1999 and 2006, and advisor to the board in 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Ms. Whitten enjoys the love
18 and support of her husband of more than 20 years, Jim Butler; she
19 takes great pleasure in gardening, traveling, the arts, and zydeco
20 dancing, and she is an avid fan of the Austin music scene; and

21 WHEREAS, Through her exceptional professional achievements
22 and her enduring efforts in behalf of her colleagues and community,
23 Lynn Whitten has demonstrated passion, integrity, and dedication,
24 and in so doing, she has set an inspiring example of civic
25 leadership for her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Lynn Whitten on being named the

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1 2008 Woman of the Year by Executive Women in Texas Government and
2 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
3 further

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