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H.R. No. 721

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Carolyn Martin's retirement from the East Texas  
2 Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse provides a fitting opportunity  
3 to recognize her dedicated service; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Martin joined the East Texas Council on  
5 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 2004, and throughout her tenure, she  
6 has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and leadership; as  
7 drug-free community program manager, she supervised a federal grant  
8 that aimed to reduce substance abuse among area youth and supported  
9 the Kilgore Together coalition, which is made up of volunteers from  
10 law enforcement, schools, businesses, religious institutions, and  
11 government; and

12           WHEREAS, Before her employment with that agency, Ms. Martin  
13 had a notable career as an educator that spanned nearly four  
14 decades; after teaching in Arkansas schools for 10 years, she  
15 relocated to Kilgore, where she was a member of the faculty at Maude  
16 Laird Middle School and Kilgore Heights Elementary School; and

17           WHEREAS, Through the years, Ms. Martin has been active in a  
18 number of professional organizations, holding prominent roles with  
19 the Kilgore Classroom Teacher Association, the Beta Mu Chapter of  
20 Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education  
21 state conference; moreover, she has distinguished herself by  
22 attending the National Geographic Teacher Mentorship Training in  
23 Washington, D.C., writing an article published in *Tempo*, the  
24 publication of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented,

1 and co-authoring the Environmental Protection Agency publication,  
2 *Using Geography to Teach Environmental Education*; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Martin is also an active member of First  
4 Presbyterian Church, where she has served her fellow congregants as  
5 an elder, Sunday school teacher, and committee moderator; she has  
6 also shared her time with the Saturday Bread Team and the Just For  
7 Kids Program; and

8 WHEREAS, Carolyn Martin's commitment to improving the lives  
9 of her fellow citizens in East Texas has earned her the lasting  
10 respect and admiration of countless individuals, and she may indeed  
11 take pride in her record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor Carolyn Martin on her retirement from the  
14 East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and extend to her  
15 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Ms. Martin as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.