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H.R. No. 1127

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With a notable career in education and a stellar
2 record of volunteerism, Barbara Effenberger of Seguin has made a
3 positive difference in her community; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Hondo, Mrs. Effenberger earned a
5 bachelor's degree in elementary education from Texas Lutheran
6 University, and after teaching third grade in New Braunfels, she
7 earned a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Texas A&M
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Effenberger went on to serve as a counselor
10 with Snook ISD, where she helped establish a special education
11 program; in 1970, she moved to Seguin, and her outstanding 24-year
12 tenure with the local district included service as a counselor and
13 elementary teacher; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Effenberger has further contributed to the
15 youth of Central Texas as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, or
16 CASA, volunteer for abused and neglected children; she has also
17 worked in behalf of area senior citizens as chair of the Advisory
18 Council of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; and

19 WHEREAS, A number of professional organizations have
20 benefited from Mrs. Effenberger's membership, including the Texas
21 Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Society
22 International, and the National Education Association; she is a
23 life member of the Texas State Teachers Association, which she has
24 served as a member of the board of directors and legislative action

1 committee; and

2 WHEREAS, An active and valued leader in the Democratic Party,
3 she has served as the group's Guadalupe County chair, as a member of
4 its State Executive Committee, and as co-chair of its State
5 Legislative Committee; moreover, she is a member of the Texas
6 Democratic Women and treasurer of the Texas Democratic County
7 Chairs Association; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Effenberger has also shared her time with the
9 Texas Silver-Haired Legislature; in addition to serving as the
10 representative of Comal and Guadalupe Counties, she has been
11 comptroller, and in 2005, she was appointed by Congressman Henry
12 Cuellar to represent her fellow senior citizens at the White House
13 Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C.; and

14 WHEREAS, Dedicated to her faith, she is involved in the Women
15 of the ELCA and has served on the antiracism team of the
16 Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Organization, and her
17 dedication to making her community a better place earned her the
18 Texas Lutheran University Distinguished Community Service Award in
19 2006; and

20 WHEREAS, Those individuals who step forward to share their
21 time with others are indeed deserving of our profound gratitude,
22 and it is a pleasure to honor Barbara Effenberger, whose efforts
23 have enriched the lives of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby commend Barbara Effenberger for her
26 professional achievements and her service to her fellow citizens
27 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and

1 happiness; and, be it further

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