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H.R. No. 1473

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Alaska state senator Lyda Green is a native  
2 daughter of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed fitting to  
3 recognize her many accomplishments; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 16, 1938, in Livingston, the former  
5 Lyda Handley graduated in 1956 from Brazosport High School in  
6 Freeport and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business  
7 administration from Sam Houston State University; she married  
8 Curtis Green in 1961, and the couple moved to Anchorage, Alaska,  
9 where they raised three children, Shelton, Bradley, and Kristie;  
10 today they make their home in Wasilla; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Green held a variety of jobs in addition to her  
12 family responsibilities, and she eventually founded The Study, an  
13 education and tutorial facility; along the way, she received her  
14 Slingerland Language Arts Certification from the University of  
15 Alaska Anchorage; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed woman entered public service in the  
17 early 1990s as a member of the Governor's Council on Disabilities  
18 and Special Education, and she later served on the Department of  
19 Education Special Education Regulations Task Force; in 1994, she  
20 was elected to represent the Matanuska-Susitna Valley in the Alaska  
21 State Senate, and voters subsequently returned her to office three  
22 times; and

23 WHEREAS, During her notable legislative career, Senator  
24 Green distinguished herself as a longtime member of the finance

1 committee, which she served as co-chair for five years, and as chair  
2 of the state affairs and the health, education, and social services  
3 committees; moreover, she was elected senate president by a  
4 bipartisan majority of her colleagues in January 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Green's legislative achievements also  
6 include the successful sponsorship of education and welfare  
7 reforms, as well as a concealed handgun law; she retired in January  
8 2009 after 14 years of dedicated leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Green remains active in the First  
10 Baptist Church of Palmer and takes pleasure in traveling, reading,  
11 and playing the piano, among other pursuits; she especially enjoys  
12 spending time in the company of her eight grandchildren, Kelsie,  
13 Connor, Caleb, Noah, Daniel, Tori, Meijan, and Jiabao; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout her years of service to Alaska, Lyda  
15 Green demonstrated enthusiasm, professionalism, and a commitment  
16 to excellence, and she may indeed reflect with pride on the  
17 significant contributions she has made in behalf of her fellow  
18 citizens; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby honor former Alaska state senator and native  
21 Texan Lyda Green on her many accomplishments and extend to her  
22 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mrs. Green as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.