## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Science and art teacher Carolyn Cornelius was recognized for her outstanding achievements in conservation education by the Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District at its 53rd annual awards banquet in Jacksonville on April 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cornelius moved with her family to Cherokee County in 2001 after retiring from a career in banking and finance in Fort Worth; in 2002, she began a second career as a member of the faculty at West Side Elementary School in Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, This energetic educator has found innovative ways to teach conservation by combining her two subjects, science and art; for example, she has introduced her students to the botanical study of Texas wildflowers while also teaching them about impressionism by having them paint wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, With the assistance of parents and local businesses, Ms. Cornelius has given her students hands-on experience by helping them create gardens and grow flowers, vegetables, and herbs; her classes also participate in Project Learning Tree, a conservation education program of the Texas Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, The creativity and enthusiasm demonstrated by Carolyn Cornelius have helped her students become better stewards of the natural resources of the Lone Star State, and she may indeed take great pride in receiving recognition for her efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Carolyn Cornelius on her receipt of a conservation education award rom the Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it further

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

