## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Community leader Christie Nowlin of Helotes received a significant honor when she was selected to serve as parade marshal for the community's annual Cornyval Parade; and

WHEREAS, Named for the Mexican word for stalk corn, elote, the city of Helotes pays tribute to its heritage every spring with the Cornyval Festival; the four-day event features an arts and crafts fair, food booths, live music, a rodeo, a carnival midway, and the Miss Helotes Pageant in addition to the festival parade; and

WHEREAS, A valued resident of Helotes since 1983, Mrs. Nowlin has been a member of the Festival Association for 25 years; she has served the organization as vice president in charge of booths, overseen special contests, sold tickets and beer, assisted with the pageant, and worked the parade route; currently a part of the fence crew, she has led the group as its elected president and as a member of its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nowlin has also shared her time with the local Lioness Club, serving as president, vice president, and board member; in addition to helping the organization raise funds for a host of worthwhile causes, she has benefited the Helotes Lions Club as its president and as a member of its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Christie Nowlin has given much to her community, and it is fitting that her contributions were recognized by granting her this notable place of honor in the Cornyval Parade; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Christie Nowlin on her designation as parade marshal for the 2009 Cornyval Parade and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

