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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Betty Massey is being honored by the Galveston
2 Independent School District Educational Foundation with its
3 Educational Leadership Award; and

4 WHEREAS, A nonprofit corporation, the GISD Educational
5 Foundation was established by a coalition of private, business,
6 industrial, and civic interests to finance and enhance educational
7 programs not otherwise funded by the district; its Educational
8 Leadership Award, now in its sixth year, recognizes those
9 individuals whose sustained commitment to education has made a
10 lasting impact in Galveston; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Massey has served her community in myriad ways
12 through the years in her professional life and as a civic leader; a
13 graduate of the University of California-Berkeley with a degree in
14 history, she was a teacher and the director of an innovative private
15 preschool before becoming education director of the Galveston
16 Historical Foundation in 1983; increasingly responsible positions
17 with that organization led to her appointment as executive director
18 in 1990; and

19 WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the Galveston Historical
20 Foundation won numerous awards and a national reputation as one of
21 the country's largest and most successful historic preservation
22 organizations; in 2000, Ms. Massey became executive director of the
23 Mary Moody Northen Endowment, a private foundation based in
24 Galveston that makes charitable grants in both Texas and Virginia

1 and owns and operates two significant historic properties; and

2 WHEREAS, This dedicated volunteer serves on many
3 professional and advisory boards and has been highly effective in
4 numerous civic organizations working in behalf of preservation,
5 education, and economic development; a former chair of the
6 Galveston Chamber of Commerce and vice chair of the City of
7 Galveston Park Board of Trustees, she is a founding member of the
8 GISD Education Foundation and served as vice chair--development
9 from 2002 to 2005; moreover, she served on the board of the local
10 chapter of the United Way and as chair of the city's Comprehensive
11 Plan Review Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, Following the devastation of Hurricane Ike, the city
13 council named Ms. Massey to head the Community Recovery Committee;
14 through her expert management, this diverse group of some 300
15 residents was able to distill months of public hearings and
16 brainstorming into the comprehensive 42 Project Plan; in addition
17 to recommendations for housing, transportation, and economic
18 revitalization, the plan includes proposals for strengthening the
19 educational system to build a vibrant workforce and encourage
20 families to remain in Galveston or relocate to the city; and

21 WHEREAS, Betty Massey has set an inspirational standard of
22 public service, and her vision and commitment to education are
23 helping to shape a brighter future for the people of Galveston; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Betty Massey on her receipt of the
27 Educational Leadership Award from the Galveston Independent School

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1 District Educational Foundation and extend to her best wishes for
2 continued success in her important endeavors; and, be it further

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