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H.R. No. 2117

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dorothy Khoury of Longview has distinguished
2 herself as an active volunteer and as chair of the Gregg County
3 Republican Party; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Khoury was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and
5 was raised in Virginia and Florida; she moved to Texas in 1961,
6 following her marriage to Longview native Alvin Khoury, who is now a
7 retired senior district judge; the couple have enjoyed nearly five
8 decades together, and they have been blessed with two sons, Sam and
9 Andy; and

10 WHEREAS, Active in local politics, Mrs. Khoury served two
11 terms as president of Gregg County Republican Women, and during her
12 tenure, the group was recognized as one of the top clubs by both the
13 national and state Republican women's organizations; in addition,
14 Mrs. Khoury was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the Texas
15 Federation of Republican Women at the state convention in 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, On her election as chair of the Gregg County
17 Republican Party, Mrs. Khoury became the first woman in county
18 history to lead a political party, and she held the position from
19 2002 through 2008; under her skilled leadership, the organization
20 flourished, and its candidates gained every countywide and
21 nonjudicial district office and more precinct offices than ever
22 before; the Gregg County GOP also saw its first Hispanic and African
23 American officials, as well as the first U.S. Representative from
24 the county; in addition to contributing to the group's success,

1 Mrs. Khoury set fund-raising records and increased voter turnout
2 and participation in conventions, and she was a member of the Texas
3 Republican County Chairmen's Association and of various executive
4 committees; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Khoury has further devoted her time to numerous
6 local groups, including the Rotary Club of Longview, Longview
7 Community Theatre, and the Longview Federated Women's Clubs, and
8 she is on the boards of Community Healthcare and the Gregg County
9 Historical Foundation; she is also a past president of the
10 Greenbriar Garden Club and the Gregg County Bar Auxiliary, and she
11 received the Distinguished Docent of the Year designation from the
12 Gregg County Historical Museum; and

13 WHEREAS, A generous civic leader, Dorothy Khoury has garnered
14 the lasting respect and appreciation of her fellow residents, and
15 she may indeed reflect with pride on the positive impact she has had
16 on Gregg County; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Dorothy Khoury for her service to the
19 Gregg County Republican Party and her outstanding community
20 involvement and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
21 happiness; and, be it further

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