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H.R. No. 2140

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

9           WHEREAS, Maxine Benke has long been dedicated to giving back  
10 to her community; active with the Helotes Festival Association  
11 since 1979, she has worked in a number of capacities, serving as  
12 secretary and backstage director of the pageant for the past  
13 decade; in addition to designing tickets, flyers, and rodeo  
14 posters, she has been vice president of the carnival since 1989; and

15           WHEREAS, A Lioness, Mrs. Benke has represented the Lions Club  
16 as treasurer, secretary, and director and has coordinated the  
17 annual Lions Arts & Craft Show for 20 years; she is also a member of  
18 the Order of the Eastern Star and a founding director of the local  
19 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Helotes; she has  
20 further shared her time decorating City Hall for Christmas and  
21 organizing the first Christmas Night parade; and

22           WHEREAS, Maxine Benke has given much to her community, and it  
23 is fitting that her contributions were recognized with this place  
24 of honor in the Cornyval Parade; now, therefore, be it

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

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