

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Those young people who give of their time and  
2 talents to assist in the demanding work of the Texas Legislature are  
3 truly deserving of our gratitude and admiration, and Sarah  
4 Wilkinson is one such individual; and

5           WHEREAS, Originally from Wichita Falls, Ms. Wilkinson has  
6 served as a legislative aide in the office of State Representative  
7 Elliott Naishtat from January through May 2009, and her commitment,  
8 dedication, and cheerful disposition have been greatly appreciated  
9 by her colleagues; and

10           WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkinson's expertise in the area of health and  
11 human services has been particularly valuable to both  
12 Representative Naishtat's staff and his constituents, and in  
13 assisting citizens with questions relating to these areas, she has  
14 seen firsthand the ability of public officials to have an impact on  
15 policy; moreover, she has learned more than she ever cared to know  
16 about "scope of practice" issues as she followed the House  
17 Committee on Public Health and prepared for Representative Naishtat  
18 analyses on every bill considered by the committee; and

19           WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkinson has further distinguished herself  
20 through her work on Representative Naishtat's legislation  
21 regarding forensic exams for sexual assault victims, Medicaid  
22 services for juvenile offenders, and youth who are in the care of  
23 the Texas Youth Commission; going above and beyond the call of duty,  
24 she has even been known to watch the house floor debate from her

1 television at home on Saturdays; and

2           WHEREAS, A graduate student in the Master's of Social Work  
3 Program at The University of Texas at Austin, Ms. Wilkinson has  
4 gained knowledge and understanding of the inner workings of the  
5 Texas Legislature and the legislative process that will surely  
6 serve her well as she prepares to enter the arena of macro social  
7 work; although her coworkers, most especially the legislative  
8 director, are sorry to see her tenure end, they share her excitement  
9 as she prepares to embark on a future that is bright with promise;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor Sarah Wilkinson for her outstanding  
13 service as a legislative aide and extend to her sincere best wishes  
14 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

Naishtat

H.R. No. 2174

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2174 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House