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H.R. No. 2260

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen E. Gray was reelected as a member of the Balch
2 Springs City Council on May 9, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, A Balch Springs resident for more than 25 years, Ms.
4 Gray enjoys a career as a financial advisor; she has applied that
5 expertise to her role on the council, helping to bring about a
6 budget surplus and working to negotiate such important purchases as
7 two buses for the transportation of elderly and handicapped
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Among the other positive changes the city has seen
10 since Ms. Gray joined the council are the creation of a traffic
11 division in the marshals office to patrol school zones and slow
12 traffic in other areas and the establishment of a special use
13 alcohol permit to impede the opening of beer and wine stores in
14 neighborhoods; her contributions to public safety further include
15 voting for the creation of a K9 unit with two new police positions;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Looking to the future, Ms. Gray also advocated for
18 holding tanks to prevent flooding, initiated the "clean-out and
19 maintain" program for Hickory Creek, one of the city's most
20 cherished landmarks, and promoted the development of a hospital and
21 shopping center in her district; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Gray's goals for her current term include
23 enlisting a city grant writer, holding down property taxes, and
24 soliciting state and federal tax dollars to contribute to the cost

1 of city operations; and

2 WHEREAS, Each day, public servants improve the quality of
3 life for their fellow citizens in innumerable ways, and the efforts
4 of Ms. Gray are indeed helping to make Balch Springs a better place
5 in which to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Karen E. Gray on her reelection to
8 the Balch Springs City Council and extend to her sincere best wishes
9 for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Gray as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.