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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Balch Springs Mayor Carrie F. Gordon was elected to
2 office on May 9, 2009, and it is indeed fitting to recognize her
3 many accomplishments at this time; and

4 WHEREAS, An urban planner, Mayor Gordon graduated from Bishop
5 College and holds a master's degree in political economy from The
6 University of Texas at Dallas and a doctorate in administration and
7 management from Columbia Pacific University; in the course of more
8 than two decades with the City of Dallas, she has worked on a wide
9 array of planning and zoning issues; collaborating closely with
10 citizens, attorneys, developers, business and property owners,
11 public agencies, and other stakeholders, she wrote 10 neighborhood
12 plans and area studies; she is currently involved with the
13 development and revision of city ordinances and serves as a liaison
14 on three special committees; and

15 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has made many valuable
16 contributions to Balch Springs as a member of the Planning and
17 Zoning Commission and the Charter Review Commission; she assisted
18 the city's staff in updating the municipal master plan and was
19 instrumental in establishing the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee
20 and in the development of the Balch Springs East annexation area
21 plan; she is also a member of the Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce,
22 the American Planning Association, and the Alpha Xi Omega Chapter
23 of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; and

24 WHEREAS, Among her many talents, Mayor Gordon is a

1 professional vocalist who performs with a 16-piece orchestra and
2 show band led by her husband of 20 years, gospel artist Larry
3 "T-Byrd" Gordon; the couple are the proud parents of a son, Larry
4 Gordon II; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Gordon has demonstrated a longstanding
6 commitment to her community, and her desire to serve others and work
7 toward the greater good sets an inspiring example for her fellow
8 Texans; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Carrie F. Gordon on her election as
11 mayor of Balch Springs and extend to her sincere best wishes for a
12 successful tenure in office; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mayor Gordon as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.