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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rosa Walker of Austin is being inducted into the
2 Texas AFL-CIO Hall of Fame on June 10, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, A leading figure in the state's labor movement, Ms.
4 Walker served the Texas AFL-CIO as director of community
5 services/volunteers for 39 years before her retirement in 2003; she
6 was instrumental in the recruitment of many capable women for the
7 union cause through the years, and she coordinated union disaster
8 relief operations, voter registration drives, and get-out-the-vote
9 efforts; in addition, she played a key role in advocacy activities
10 for a number of issues and managed preparations for special labor
11 events; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Walker was born in Hemphill and graduated from
13 Pineland High School; after beginning her career with Southwestern
14 Bell, she joined the Communication Workers of America and went on to
15 serve as a commercial job steward and member of the CWA executive
16 board; she later dedicated herself to the labor movement on a
17 full-time basis, becoming an organizer for the Industrial Union
18 Department of the AFL-CIO before joining the staff of the Harris
19 County AFL-CIO; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1965, Ms. Walker began her long tenure with the
21 Texas AFL-CIO; she also served as vice president of the Texas
22 Coalition of Labor Union Women and as a member of the Democratic
23 National Committee and the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct,
24 and she was a founder of the Texas Consumer Association; a member of

1 the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, she is the recipient of numerous
2 other accolades as well; and

3 WHEREAS, Rosa Walker has made a positive difference in the
4 lives of countless Texas workers through her tireless commitment to
5 the labor movement, and this prestigious honor is a testament to the
6 respect and admiration she has earned through her noteworthy
7 contributions; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Rosa Walker on
10 her induction into the Texas AFL-CIO Hall of Fame and extend to her
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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