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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Kitty Harris Wilkes was recognized with a 2011
2 Woman of Excellence award from the YWCA of Lubbock for her
3 achievements in the field of education; and

4 WHEREAS, An annual project that has honored 185 individuals
5 since 1989, the YWCA Women of Excellence awards are given to women
6 leaders whose contributions to business, industry, and area
7 associations are crucial to the success of those organizations and
8 the Lubbock community; the awards program is in keeping with the
9 YWCA's goal to empower women and their families and to establish
10 strong role models for the next generation of South Plains women;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Kitty Harris Wilkes is a preeminent advocate for
13 students; the George C. Miller Family Regents professor at Texas
14 Tech University and associate dean for outreach and engagement in
15 the College of Human Sciences, she is also director of the Center
16 for the Study of Addiction and Recovery; she oversees a scholarship
17 endowment and range of services designated specifically for
18 students recovering from substance abuse and eating disorders, and
19 her program has been a model for colleges and universities around
20 the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris Wilkes is also a director of the Center
22 for Prevention and Resiliency and supervises three projects through
23 the center: a civility, ethics, and leadership program for middle
24 school students, an initiative to fight childhood obesity, and

1 Supportive Adolescent Services, a Lubbock Independent School
2 District effort that helps adolescents develop important life
3 skills; in addition, she has served as a consultant on substance
4 abuse programming with the Lubbock ISD since the early 1980s; and

5 WHEREAS, This notable Texan is a fellow with the U.S.
6 Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug
7 Abuse, and Violence Prevention and a member of the Laura Bush
8 Women's Initiative advisory council at the George W. Bush
9 Institute; she was instrumental in establishing Lubbock ISD's
10 Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders and is a
11 director of the J. T. and Margaret Talkington Charitable Foundation
12 and the Lubbock National Bank; in recognition of her many
13 public-spirited efforts, she has received the America Honors
14 Recovery and Counselor of the Year awards from the Texas
15 Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, and the Lubbock
16 ISD named a substance abuse and violence prevention award for her;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris Wilkes earned her doctorate in human
19 development and family studies from Texas Tech and her master's and
20 bachelor's degrees from the University of North Texas; in all of her
21 endeavors, she enjoys the love and support of her husband, Morris
22 Wilkes; and

23 WHEREAS, Inspiring others with her notable accomplishments,
24 Dr. Kitty Harris Wilkes stands at the forefront of those
25 individuals who are making a positive difference in their
26 communities, and she is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor;
27 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby congratulate Dr. Kitty Harris Wilkes on her selection as a
3 2011 YWCA of Lubbock Woman of Excellence and extend to her sincere
4 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Dr. Harris Wilkes as an expression of high regard by
7 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.