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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords, United States
2 congresswoman from Arizona, has forged an exemplary career in
3 behalf of her constituents and this nation, and her arrival in
4 Houston to begin treatment and rehabilitation at Memorial Hermann
5 hospital provides a fitting opportunity to honor Ms. Giffords for
6 her distinguished public service; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Tucson, where her family has lived for three
8 generations, Gabrielle Giffords graduated from Scripps College in
9 1993 and earned a master's degree in regional planning from Cornell
10 University in 1996; after receiving her M.R.P., she studied for a
11 year in Chihuahua, Mexico, on a William Fulbright Scholarship; she
12 has worked in New York City on regional economic development issues
13 and has also garnered experience in the private sector, having held
14 the posts of president and CEO of her family's tire and automotive
15 business; and

16 WHEREAS, Gabrielle Giffords entered public life in 2001, when
17 she joined the Arizona House of Representatives; two years later,
18 at the age of 32, she became the youngest woman ever to be elected to
19 the Arizona State Senate; she has represented Arizona's Eighth
20 Congressional District since 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, In her approach to problem solving, Ms. Giffords has
22 put a premium on collaboration, seeking to ensure that all
23 viewpoints are heard and that the best ideas are explored; she has
24 worked tirelessly for the people of Arizona and has become a leading

1 advocate for military families and veterans, immigration reform,
2 and solar energy, three areas of major importance to her district
3 and to the nation as a whole; and

4 WHEREAS, During her tenure in Congress, this esteemed
5 lawmaker has held a seat on the House Armed Services, Science and
6 Technology, and Foreign Affairs Committees; she has also served as
7 chair of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee, as vice chair of
8 the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, and as vice chair
9 of the U.S.-Mexico Interparliamentary Group; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Giffords has consistently sought to make herself
11 accessible to her constituents, holding frequent events where she
12 and her staff would engage with citizens one-on-one about any
13 matter related to the federal government; and

14 WHEREAS, Gabrielle Giffords has been married to Captain Mark
15 Kelly, a navy pilot and NASA astronaut, since 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, In the conscientious devotion she has brought to her
17 duties as an elected representative, the energy and intelligence
18 with which she has addressed the issues before this country, and the
19 determination she has shown to make government responsive to the
20 people, Gabrielle Giffords has embodied the highest expression of
21 democracy in action, and her fight to recover from her injuries has
22 inspired Americans in every part of this land; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Honorable Gabrielle Giffords
25 for her outstanding public service and extend to her and her family
26 sincere best wishes as she begins treatment and rehabilitation in
27 the Lone Star State; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Ms. Giffords as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.