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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The reigning Ms. Texas Senior America, Paula Lee,
2 along with two outstanding women who formerly held the title, Mary
3 Frances Hansen and Patricia Madden Housel, are visiting the State
4 Capitol on February 8, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, The Ms. Texas Senior America pageant is a nonprofit
6 program that champions healthy aging and wellness, with the
7 ultimate goal of enriching and empowering the lives of all senior
8 women; in this event, contestants have the opportunity to share
9 their philosophy of life and to take part in interview and talent
10 competitions, with the winner going on to represent the state at the
11 national pageant; and

12 WHEREAS, Paula Lee has been a hairstylist for 44 years; she
13 takes great pride in her work and has served as the official stylist
14 for the Ms. Senior America pageant in 2008 and 2009 and as a
15 volunteer with other senior pageants; she is also a hair designer as
16 well as a dancer for the Spectacular Senior Follies, and she has
17 participated in competitive powerlifting; and

18 WHEREAS, Mary Frances Hansen reigned as Ms. Texas Senior
19 America in 1997 and today serves as the director of the pageant; she
20 holds a nursing degree and has devoted more than 35,000 hours of her
21 time as a volunteer at the Dallas chapter of the Alzheimer's
22 Association and at a local nursing home, receiving numerous awards
23 for her dedication; she has further shared her expertise on many
24 advisory boards, including the Senior Affairs Commission for the

1 City of Dallas, and she speaks professionally on the positive
2 aspects of aging; and

3 WHEREAS, Patricia Madden Housel held the title of Ms. Texas
4 Senior America in 2006; a retired project management professional,
5 she enjoyed a successful career at Bank of America and Electronic
6 Data Systems; she is also a gifted dancer who has performed
7 throughout Texas with the Dallas Tap Dazzlers as well as in the
8 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and in the
9 Spectacular Senior Follies; and

10 WHEREAS, These three exceptional women serve as inspiring
11 role models to younger generations, and it is a pleasure to
12 recognize them at this time; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby welcome Ms. Texas Senior America 2010 Paula Lee
15 and former Ms. Texas Senior America pageant winners Mary Frances
16 Hansen and Patricia Madden Housel to the State Capitol and extend to
17 them sincere best wishes for a memorable visit; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Ms. Lee, Ms. Hansen, and Ms. Housel as an expression of
20 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.