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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ambassador Ron Kirk has distinguished himself in his  
2 role as United States trade representative, and his dedicated work  
3 in that position is indeed deserving of recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, A well-known figure in his home state of Texas,  
5 where he held numerous public offices, Ron Kirk was appointed to his  
6 present post by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United  
7 States Senate in March 2009; as trade representative, he is the  
8 president's principal advisor, negotiator, and spokesperson on  
9 trade issues and is a member of the cabinet; and

10           WHEREAS, Ambassador Kirk's tenure as trade representative  
11 has been marked by a renewed focus on assisting the nation's small  
12 and medium-sized businesses as well as on a robust enforcement of  
13 existing trade agreements; moreover, his office has worked to  
14 resolve issues related to pacts that have been signed with Colombia  
15 and Panama and to secure congressional approval of a landmark trade  
16 agreement with South Korea, in addition to carrying forth many  
17 other initiatives; and

18           WHEREAS, In all of his efforts, Ambassador Kirk is motivated  
19 by the belief that proactive, responsible trade policies can play  
20 an essential role in economic recovery, create jobs in the United  
21 States, and assist American companies and workers as they compete  
22 in the global economy; and

23           WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan draws on a broad range of  
24 experience; the mayor of Dallas from 1995 to 2001, he also served as

1 Texas secretary of state under Governor Ann Richards, as chair of  
2 the state's General Services Commission, and as a legislative aide  
3 to U.S. senator Lloyd Bentsen; in the course of his law career, he  
4 worked as an assistant city attorney for the City of Dallas and as a  
5 partner at Vinson & Elkins LLP; and

6 WHEREAS, Our country's economic well-being and international  
7 stature depend on an effective trade policy, and the determined  
8 leadership that Ron Kirk has demonstrated as U.S. trade  
9 representative is furthering that effort in important ways; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor Ambassador Ron Kirk for his outstanding  
13 work as United States trade representative and extend to him  
14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Ambassador Kirk as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.