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H.R. No. 533

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lonnie Balch has been named the 2011 Lubbock Area
2 United Way Agency Volunteer of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Balch was honored for providing exceptional
4 volunteer support to the YWCA of Lubbock; whenever something has
5 been needed at the Y, be it a new cover for pool pipes or a trailer
6 for a float, Mr. Balch has stepped up to provide it; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Balch has also earned the admiration of many
8 people as the founder of the KatyB Foundation, which he named for
9 his daughter, Katharine Marie Balch, who battled cerebral palsy
10 throughout her life; when Katy was a child, he realized she found
11 great relief while in the water; with the goal of bringing the same
12 positive impact to others, he established the KatyB Foundation,
13 which supports therapeutic aquatics at the YWCA for special needs
14 children, and he works with the Texas Department of State Health
15 Services to organize an annual Back to School pool party for
16 severely disabled children at which he provides the refreshments;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A Lubbock resident for much of his life, the
19 84-year-old Texan is also a member of the Downtown Bible Class and a
20 stalwart supporter of their many good works, as well as those of the
21 Shriners and the Masons; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his compassion and genuine desire to help
23 others, Lonnie Balch has helped to make life better for countless
24 Texans, and in so doing, he has set an example of civic engagement

1 to which all may aspire; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Lonnie Balch on his selection as
4 the 2011 Lubbock Area United Way Agency Volunteer of the Year and
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
6 happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Balch as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.