

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Beverly Kaufman retired from her position as Harris
2 County clerk on December 31, 2010, after 16 years of dedicated work
3 in behalf of her fellow residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Kaufman began her distinguished career in public
5 service nearly four decades ago, when she joined the staff of the
6 Harris County judge; from her role as a part-time clerk, she went on
7 to become an administrative assistant and special master, hearing
8 alcoholic beverage license protests; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the years, Ms. Kaufman chaired projects
10 involving all county departments, including the annual blood drive,
11 the United Way campaign, and the recycling committee; she also
12 served as liaison to the library system, the Personnel Committee,
13 Risk Management, and the County Clerk's Office, as well as to area
14 chambers of commerce and the Cultural Arts Council of Houston and
15 Harris County; and

16 WHEREAS, In March 1992, Ms. Kaufman was appointed to fill an
17 unexpired term as county clerk, and she was returned to that post by
18 Harris County voters in the following four elections; during her
19 exceptional tenure, she helped to expand and streamline services
20 and she was instrumental in bringing electronic voting to the
21 county; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Kaufman has participated in a number of
23 worthwhile organizations; in addition to chairing the United States
24 Election Assistance Commission board of advisors, she has been

1 president of Women Professionals in Government and the National
2 Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks, and
3 she has shared her expertise with the advisory board of Taping for
4 the Blind and the executive board of Harris County Justice
5 Information Management Systems; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognized for her outstanding work, Ms. Kaufman has
7 earned such honors as the 2007 Linda S. Carter Award for Excellence
8 in Government, a 2003 Women on the Move Award, and the 2005 County
9 Best Practices Superior Innovation Award, given for her efforts
10 with the Harris County Language Assistance Program; moreover, in
11 2009 she was named one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Women by
12 *Houston Woman Magazine*; and

13 WHEREAS, A professional of outstanding skill and dedication,
14 Beverly Kaufman contributed greatly to the operations of Harris
15 County government, and she may indeed take justifiable pride in her
16 notable legacy of achievement; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Beverly Kaufman on her retirement
19 as Harris County clerk and extend to her sincere best wishes for
20 happiness in the years ahead; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Ms. Kaufman as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 609

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 609 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House