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H.R. No. 609

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.