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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Beverly Woolley of Houston has been  
2 named speaker pro tempore of the Texas House of Representatives,  
3 and she is the first Republican woman to serve in that capacity; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally elected to the Texas Legislature in 1994,  
5 Representative Woolley is serving her ninth consecutive term in the  
6 State Capitol; during her tenure she has proven herself to be a  
7 staunch advocate for local governments, promoting legislation that  
8 enables them to function more efficiently and effectively; she has  
9 also initiated proposals to aid law enforcement, protect abused  
10 children, safeguard private property rights, and foster financial  
11 literacy, as well as to help small businesses gain better access to  
12 health insurance and to create greater and more efficient access to  
13 quality health care through the establishment of the Texas Health  
14 Care Council; and

15           WHEREAS, Representative Woolley currently serves on the  
16 House Ways and Means and Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence  
17 Committees; she has previously chaired the Calendars Committee,  
18 co-chaired the Interim Committee on the Power of Eminent Domain,  
19 and served as vice chair of the Pensions and Investments Committee;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, A native of the Bayou City, Representative Woolley  
22 earned a degree in political science with honors from the  
23 University of Houston; she went on to enjoy a successful career in  
24 business as the co-owner of the Houston Armature Works, and she has

1 long played an active role as a civic leader, serving on the Nassau  
2 Bay City Council and on the boards of the Court Appointed Special  
3 Advocates, the Mental Health Association, and the Foundation for  
4 Financial Literacy; she has also served as a Cub Scout leader and as  
5 a coach for children's sports teams; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognized on a number of occasions for her work to  
7 promote financial literacy, Representative Woolley was selected  
8 from among state lawmakers nationwide to receive a 2005 Desjardins  
9 Youth Financial Education Award from the Credit Union National  
10 Association; other laurels include the Legislative Excellence  
11 Award from the Texas Municipal Police Association and accolades  
12 from the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, the  
13 Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, and the Texas  
14 Association of Business; and

15 WHEREAS, Beverly Woolley and her husband, Lynn Woolley,  
16 celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 2010; they are the  
17 proud parents of three children, Cheryl Jackson, James Woolley, and  
18 David Woolley, and the devoted grandparents of Abby, Morgan, Jamie,  
19 Jalyynn, Anna, and Samuel; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career in the Texas House,  
21 Representative Woolley has exemplified the highest standards of  
22 public service while working tirelessly to achieve a brighter, more  
23 prosperous future for the citizens of her district and for Texans  
24 throughout the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
26 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Beverly Woolley on  
27 her selection as speaker pro tempore of this chamber and extend to

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1 her sincere best wishes for continued success in all of her  
2 endeavors; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Representative Woolley as an expression of high regard  
5 by the Texas House of Representatives.