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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Doris Howdeshell is retiring from her position as
2 travel information division director for the Texas Department of
3 Transportation on April 30, 2011, drawing to a close an exemplary
4 career in state government that has spanned more than three
5 decades; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of the Hill Country, Ms. Howdeshell earned
7 her bachelor's degree with honors in English from Southwest Texas
8 State University in 1973; she joined the travel information
9 division of TxDOT in 1979 and worked in administration until 1984;
10 the following year, she became the staff services officer, and in
11 1992, she was promoted to deputy division director; she has served
12 in her current post since 1995; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Howdeshell has played a leading role in
14 promoting Texas as a tourist destination; her responsibilities have
15 included managing the "Don't Mess with Texas" antilitter campaign
16 and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer cleanup program, as well as
17 overseeing the publication of *Texas Highways* magazine; moreover,
18 she has worked to coordinate efforts with the economic development
19 and tourism division of the governor's office, the Texas Commission
20 on the Arts, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Texas Parks
21 and Wildlife Department; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional has further
23 distinguished herself as chair of the Texas State Agency Tourism
24 Council, as an ex officio board member of the Texas Travel Industry

1 Association, and as an advisory board member of AAA Texas; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of her many contributions to Texas
3 tourism, Ms. Howdeshell was presented with the Tall in Texas Award
4 in 2006 by TTIA, and in 2009, she earned the Bluebonnet Award for
5 her contributions to the Keep Texas Beautiful program; and

6 WHEREAS, Doris Howdeshell's hard work, dedication, and
7 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited not only her fellow
8 Texans, but also countless visitors to the state, and she may indeed
9 reflect with pride on a career well spent as she embarks on the next
10 exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Doris Howdeshell on her retirement
13 as director of the travel information division of the Texas
14 Department of Transportation and extend to her sincere best wishes
15 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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