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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady has been chosen as
2 Person of the Year for 2010 by the readers of *Houston County Life*
3 magazine; and

4 WHEREAS, Nominees for the Person of the Year designation are
5 residents of Houston County whose work as volunteers has had a
6 positive effect in their community; this year's winner, Norma Dell
7 Jones, was born in Lovelady and graduated as the valedictorian from
8 Lovelady High School; she earned her bachelor's and master's
9 degrees in education from Sam Houston State University, and she has
10 also received certificates in professional teaching, special
11 education, supervision, and administration; and

12 WHEREAS, Beginning her teaching career in 1959 in Porter
13 Springs, Mrs. Jones moved to the Crockett Independent School
14 District when her school was annexed; she taught English, Texas
15 history, and music and coached girls' basketball and volleyball; in
16 1977, she became the executive director of the Sam Houston alumni
17 association, holding that post until 1992, when she returned to
18 Houston County to work as an administrator for Lovelady ISD; Mrs.
19 Jones has further contributed to her professional community as a
20 member of a host of educators' associations, including the Texas
21 State Teachers Association, in which she holds a life membership
22 and for which she conducted workshops and participated in numerous
23 committees; in addition, she has served on the faculty advisory
24 committee for Crockett ISD; and

1 WHEREAS, Since her retirement in 2008, Mrs. Jones has kept
2 busy with numerous community efforts; she is involved in the
3 continuing restoration of the Lovelady Old Gym, a local civic
4 venue, and she publishes a weekly newspaper column in *Houston*
5 *County Life* entitled "Cups and Saucers"; moreover, she is president
6 of the Houston County Senior Citizen Center and mayor pro tempore of
7 Lovelady, and she has been a councilmember for more than a decade;
8 Mrs. Jones also shares her time and talents as a member of the
9 Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Daughters of the American
10 Revolution, and she has served on the board of directors of the
11 Houston County Hospital Authority; and

12 WHEREAS, Devoted to the musical arts, Mrs. Jones served as
13 the music director for First Baptist Church in Lovelady and now
14 sings in her church's choir and helps to organize performances at
15 the Lovelady Old Gym; and

16 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, she enjoys the love and
17 support of her husband of 30 years, Jerry D. Jones, her sons,
18 "Binky" and Bruce Monk, and her stepdaughter, Nicole Jones Lolley;
19 Mrs. Jones also takes pride in her four grandchildren, Kyle,
20 Brandon, Mandy, and Cayla, and three great-grandchildren,
21 Benjamin, Grayson, and Lane; and

22 WHEREAS, Norma Dell Jones has long demonstrated her
23 dedication to improving the quality of life in her community, and
24 the citizens of Houston County are fortunate indeed to count her
25 among their fellow residents; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Norma Dell Jones on her selection

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1 as Person of the Year for 2010 by *Houston County Life* magazine and
2 commend her for her many good works; and, be it further

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