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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The gifted stage and screen actress Holland Taylor
2 is bringing her one-woman show, *ANN: An Affectionate Portrait of*
3 *Ann Richards*, to Austin in May 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Philadelphia, Ms. Taylor earned her
5 bachelor's degree in drama from Bennington College and subsequently
6 moved to New York to start a career in the theater; she appeared in
7 the original productions of Simon Gray's *Butley* and A. R. Gurney's
8 *The Cocktail Hour* before being cast as Ruth Dunbar in the sitcom
9 *Bosom Buddies* with Tom Hanks; and

10 WHEREAS, That was her breakout role, and she has been a
11 popular character actor on television and the big screen ever
12 since, often playing strong, charming women known for their sharp
13 wit; her first major film was *Romancing the Stone*, and more recently
14 she has appeared in *Legally Blonde*, *Baby Mama*, and *Spy Kids 2* and *3*;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor is perhaps most well known for her
17 Emmy-winning performance as Judge Roberta Kittleson in *The*
18 *Practice*, and for her portrayal as Evelyn Harper in *Two and a Half*
19 *Men*, for which she has been nominated for an Emmy three times; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor embodies yet another smart and
21 complicated woman in her latest project, which she wrote after
22 three years of archival research and interviews with the late
23 governor's family and friends; the play has been staged to great
24 acclaim in Galveston and San Antonio, and its Austin premiere is

1 scheduled for May 4 at the Paramount Theatre; and

2 WHEREAS, Holland Taylor's ability to delight Texans with her
3 performance as one of their most beloved icons speaks to her
4 considerable skill as an artist and reveals a Texan generosity of
5 spirit that Governor Ann Richards herself would have applauded;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Holland Taylor for her outstanding
9 achievements as an entertainer and extend to her a warm welcome to
10 the Capitol City; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Ms. Taylor as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.