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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jo Marie Hestilow was named the Senior Citizen of
2 the Year by the City of Katy on May 10, 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Katy, Jo Marie Hestilow is the
4 granddaughter of a rice farmer; she earned bachelor's and master's
5 degrees in education from Sam Houston State University and began
6 her career in 1960; she taught in Pasadena, Orchard, and
7 Channelview schools and in the Spring Branch Independent School
8 District for 16 years before spending nine years as a fourth grade
9 math teacher at Katy Elementary School; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Hestilow retired from teaching in 1990, and then
11 went to work for the City of Katy's Senior Social Services agency,
12 where her duties included providing transportation for seniors; she
13 continues to offer rides to Sunday services at the First Baptist
14 Church of Katy, where she has been a member her whole life; by
15 helping others get to church, she is carrying on a tradition
16 established by her grandfather and observed by her mother; she is
17 also active in the church's Sunday school program; and

18 WHEREAS, Known throughout Katy for her selfless spirit and
19 concern for others, Ms. Hestilow visits regularly with the sick and
20 with shut-ins; she is devoted to her hometown and enjoys seeing her
21 former students, who now have families of their own; and

22 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Ms. Hestilow is supported
23 by her loving niece, Kerri McCain, and her husband, Gene McCain; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is making a difference in the

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1 lives of many members of the Katy community, and her efforts in
2 their behalf are well worthy of praise and recognition; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Jo Marie Hestilow on her selection
6 as the 2010 Senior Citizen of the Year by the City of Katy and extend
7 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ms. Hestilow as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.