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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Janice Gabriel of the Mangum Manor neighborhood of
2 Houston has been named the 2010 Northwest Houston Leader of the
3 Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1982, *The Leader* newspaper in Northwest
5 Houston has recognized a local resident whose tireless efforts have
6 significantly benefited the community; the paper solicits
7 nominations for the award from its readers, and a panel of judges
8 who have contributed to Northwest Houston themselves makes the
9 final selection; and

10 WHEREAS, A native of Kentucky, Janice Gabriel grew up in
11 Jefferson City, Missouri; in 1959, she moved to the Montrose area of
12 Houston, where she met her future husband, Charles Gabriel, at a
13 young adults club; they were married at St. Anne Catholic Church in
14 1960 and moved to Mangum Manor a few years later; they have lived in
15 the same house on Hialeah Drive for more than 47 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently serving her second term as president of
17 the Mangum Manor Civic Club, Mrs. Gabriel has played a leading role
18 in obtaining many neighborhood improvements, including the
19 creation of a jogging trail through the local park and the
20 development of scenic esplanades on Antoine Drive; she has also
21 successfully advocated for the installation of neighborhood
22 entrance signs, new water lines in the older sections of the
23 subdivision, and a wheelchair ramp in Mangum Manor Park; moreover,
24 she initiated the process for a "No Cars in Yards" ordinance, which

1 was approved, and she works closely with the Houston Police
2 Department on crime and property complaints; on any given day, she
3 can be found contributing to her fellow residents through such
4 simple gestures as planting trees and flowers and picking up
5 litter; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic 71-year-old woman spent her career as a
7 teacher at Katherine Smith Elementary School, and she later served
8 as president of the Houston Association of Retired Teachers; she
9 continues to volunteer for a number of organizations, including the
10 Environmental Education Committee of Keep Houston Beautiful, the
11 St. Ambrose Catholic Church Altar Society, the Zeta Mu Chapter of
12 Delta Kappa Gamma Women Educators, which she serves as president,
13 and the Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council, which she
14 serves as vice president; and

15 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Mrs. Gabriel enjoys the
16 love and support of her husband and her daughters, Charlene Nelson
17 and her husband, Marty, Evelyn Harding and her husband, Steve, and
18 Laura Wadley and her husband, Tim, and Mrs. Gabriel's family
19 further includes four grandchildren, Martin, Danielle, Madeline,
20 and Gabrielle; and

21 WHEREAS, The vitality of a community depends in large measure
22 on the active engagement of its citizens, and Janice Gabriel stands
23 at the forefront of those individuals who are making a positive
24 difference in the world around them through their dedication and
25 leadership; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Janice Gabriel on her selection as

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1 the 2010 Northwest Houston Leader of the Year and extend to her
2 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
3 further

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