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H.R. No. 2548

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Barbara Schlattman has enhanced the beauty of
2 Northwest Houston through her work as founder and chair of the Green
3 Medians Steering Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, The owner of an award-winning interior design firm,
5 Ms. Schlattman and a friend had already planned to plant trees along
6 the shoulders of Farm-to-Market Road 1960 when they learned that
7 the Texas Department of Transportation had recommended the
8 installation of raised medians along an eight-mile stretch of the
9 road; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Schlattman altered her idea to take advantage of
11 the TxDOT plan, and in 2004, she created the Green Medians Steering
12 Committee; working in partnership with the Houston Northwest
13 Chamber of Commerce, the committee received permission from TxDOT
14 to landscape the medians, as long as committee members agreed to be
15 responsible for hiring a landscape architect, arranging for water
16 and maintenance, and financing the project; and

17 WHEREAS, Under Ms. Schlattman's inspiring leadership, the
18 committee has raised more than \$500,000 and created the Green
19 Medians Joint Powers Board, a consortium of local water districts
20 that will water and maintain the green median; the first trees and
21 crepe myrtles were planted in March 2011, with the project due to be
22 completed in May; and

23 WHEREAS, The recipient of *Houston Woman* magazine's 2010 Gutsy
24 Gal Award for her central role in this impressive effort, Barbara

1 Schlattman may indeed take great pride in her contribution to her
2 community and in the beautiful outcome that her initiative, hard
3 work, and perseverance helped to realize; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Barbara Schlattman for her dedicated
6 efforts to bring landscaped medians to FM 1960 in Northwest Houston
7 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and
8 happiness; and, be it further

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