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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carole D. Baker of Lago Vista has received the 2011
2 Gregg A. Cooke Memorial Award for Exceptional Environmental
3 Excellence by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

4 WHEREAS, Named in honor of the late Gregg Cooke, a former
5 regional administrator with the Environmental Protection Agency,
6 the award recognizes a single individual's exemplary efforts to
7 preserve and protect the environment in Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Carole Baker has long worked to make water
9 conservation a priority at the state level; in her role as director
10 of intergovernmental relations for the Harris-Galveston Subsidence
11 District, she serves as the legislative and national liaison on
12 water policy issues, handles public information and outreach
13 programs, and assists with conservation and drought planning; and

14 WHEREAS, Known as the "Queen of Water Conservation," this
15 dynamic woman provides leadership on a national level as the chair
16 of the board of the Alliance for Water Efficiency, a nonprofit
17 dedicated to promoting the sustainable use of water; she is also a
18 member of the boards of the Texas Water Conservation Association,
19 the Texas Water Wise Council, and the Texas Water Foundation, which
20 she further serves as acting executive director; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to the Cooke Award, Ms. Baker's
22 contributions have been recognized over the years with the 2002
23 Rainmaker Award from the Texas Water Foundation, the 2001 Special
24 Service Award from the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, the

1 1999 George Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association,
2 and the 1996 Conservation Award from the Bureau of Reclamation,
3 among many others; and

4 WHEREAS, Carole Baker has dedicated her skill, energy, and
5 expertise to preserving one of the Lone Star State's most precious
6 resources, and she is indeed worthy of this prestigious recognition
7 from her peers; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Carole D. Baker on her receipt of
10 the 2011 Gregg A. Cooke Memorial Award for Exceptional
11 Environmental Excellence and extend to her sincere best wishes for
12 continued success with her important work; and, be it further

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