

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Laura Allen and the Honorable Pat Cole  
2 are ably serving the people of Val Verde County as county judge and  
3 justice of the peace; and

4           WHEREAS, Presently in her first term of office, Judge Allen  
5 began her tenure in January 2011, following her election the  
6 previous November as the first female county judge in Val Verde  
7 County history; previously, Judge Allen also served as Val Verde  
8 County commissioner for Precinct 3, becoming the first woman ever  
9 to serve on the Val Verde County Commissioners Court; and

10           WHEREAS, As one of her first official duties, Judge Allen had  
11 the pleasure and privilege of administering the oath of office to  
12 her mother, the Honorable Pat Cole, who was elected as justice of  
13 the peace for Precinct 3 in Val Verde County on the same day that her  
14 daughter was elected county judge; and

15           WHEREAS, Prior to her election as justice of the peace, Judge  
16 Cole had previously served with honor and distinction as a member of  
17 the Del Rio City Council, in which role Judge Cole put a premium on  
18 collaboration, seeking to ensure that all viewpoints were heard and  
19 that the best ideas were explored; and

20           WHEREAS, Together, Judge Allen and Judge Cole were in large  
21 part responsible for the establishment and organization of the  
22 modern-day Republican Party in Val Verde County, infusing the party  
23 with new energy and enthusiasm; and

24           WHEREAS, Judge Allen and Judge Cole may be the only

1 mother-daughter team to hold judicial offices in the same county,  
2 and they take inspiration from each other's work and success and  
3 take pride in serving the greater Val Verde community with respect,  
4 dignity, and distinction; and

5 WHEREAS, The significant contributions of Judge Laura Allen  
6 and Judge Pat Cole serve as examples for women everywhere; they are  
7 helping to make Val Verde County an even better place in which to  
8 live, and they are to be commended for their dedicated efforts in  
9 behalf of their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor Judge Laura Allen and Judge Pat Cole on  
12 their notable public service and extend to them sincere best wishes  
13 for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Judge Allen and Judge Cole as an expression of high  
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
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Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
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Castro	Jackson	Ritter
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Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
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Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2805

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2805 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House