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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and
2 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better
3 place through their actions and example, and lifelong volunteer
4 Marie Ballard of Terrell is indeed one such individual; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ballard began delivering food for Meals on
6 Wheels in 1981, and today, at age 94, she continues to faithfully
7 make her rounds each week; braving harsh weather and temperature
8 extremes, she is accompanied by her friend, Pat Hall, and
9 occasionally by her miniature poodle, Mitzy, who is a popular sight
10 among those she visits; often, she does more than drop off meals,
11 helping out the homebound residents on her route in different ways;
12 moreover, she is an active volunteer at Good Shepherd Episcopal
13 Church; and

14 WHEREAS, A Terrell native, Mrs. Ballard graduated from
15 Terrell High School before attending Saint Paul's School of
16 Nursing; after getting married and moving to other cities, she
17 returned to her hometown in the 1950s and began working at Terrell
18 State Hospital, where she served as the director of nursing; she
19 retired in 1981, and in honor of her outstanding career, an annual
20 award in her name is presented to a hospital employee who
21 demonstrates excellence in nursing; and

22 WHEREAS, Through her generous acts of volunteerism, Marie
23 Ballard has enriched the lives of countless of her fellow citizens,
24 and she serves as a source of inspiration to all those who are

1 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Marie Ballard for
4 her decades of service to the Terrell community and extend to her
5 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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