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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, With her retirement as president and chief executive officer of the Government Employees Credit Union on March 31, 2012, Harriet May concluded an outstanding career that spanned nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Harriet May joined GECU in 1974, and over the course of her tenure, she has been instrumental in furthering the credit 6 7 union's mission of helping people realize their financial goals; implementing programs to benefit the working poor and minorities, 8 9 she initiated a home mortgage program for qualified low-income residents, launched an international remittance program enabling 10 11 workers to send money to their families, and focused on offering 12 credit union services to the fast-growing Hispanic market; and

WHEREAS, Appointed CEO of the organization in 1996, Ms. May helped establish GECU as one of the largest independent financial institutions in El Paso; at the time of her retirement, GECU employed some 720 area residents, held assets of \$1.8 billion, and injected an estimated \$125 million annually into the El Paso economy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. May has been recognized with Distinguished Service Awards from the World Council of Credit Unions and from the El Paso Chapter of Credit Unions; a member of the Texas Credit Union Hall of Fame, she served as chair of the Credit Union National Association and the Texas Credit Union League and as president of the El Paso Chapter of Credit Unions; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ms. May's professionalism and dedication to 2 excellence have greatly benefited the more than 300,000 members of 3 GECU, and she may indeed reflect with pride on the respect and 4 admiration she earned over the course of a career well spent; now, 5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Harriet May on her retirement as 8 president and CEO of the Government Employees Credit Union and 9 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 11 prepared for Ms. May as an expression of high regard by the Texas 12 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 449 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House