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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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.