

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Susan Blackwood stepped down as executive director  
2 of San Antonio Sports on December 31, 2012, after 16 years of  
3 distinguished service to that organization; and

4           WHEREAS, Under Ms. Blackwood's direction, San Antonio Sports  
5 excelled in its mission of hosting premier events to boost the local  
6 economy and encouraging the development of amateur sports programs  
7 and recreational facilities for the benefit of the community; and

8           WHEREAS, Ms. Blackwood presided over a period of remarkable  
9 growth, during which the group attracted numerous high-profile  
10 events and increased its annual budget from \$125,000 to \$3.4  
11 million; moreover, she played a central role in building the  
12 community's strong relationship with NCAA athletics; during her  
13 tenure, San Antonio was the site of the basketball Final Four on  
14 five different occasions, and it became one of just six locations to  
15 be designated as an NCAA Championship City; in 2013 alone, a number  
16 of prestigious collegiate events in basketball, fencing, and soccer  
17 have taken place or are scheduled for San Antonio; and

18           WHEREAS, This visionary administrator also guided the  
19 organization's efforts to use recreational activities as a means of  
20 fostering increased self-esteem and improved health among the  
21 city's young residents; San Antonio Sports has devoted 60 percent  
22 of its budget to such initiatives as establishing fitness programs,  
23 developing quality neighborhood athletic facilities, providing  
24 education on nutrition, and sponsoring after-school sports clubs

1 that serve nearly 200,000 youths; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Blackwood holds a doctoral degree from the  
3 University of Nebraska and first became involved in sports as a high  
4 school coach; before joining San Antonio Sports in 1996, she worked  
5 as an administrator with the University Interscholastic League, as  
6 an associate athletic director at The University of Texas, and as  
7 the director of athletic relations for Oshman's Sporting Goods; and

8 WHEREAS, Since concluding her responsibilities as executive  
9 director, Susan Blackwood has continued to serve San Antonio Sports  
10 as its government relations director and will soon head a new  
11 fund-raising effort for the organization; in all of her  
12 assignments, her dedication and dynamic leadership have helped  
13 enhance the vitality of the community, and her record of  
14 achievement is widely appreciated by her fellow citizens; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Susan Blackwood on her  
18 accomplishments as executive director of San Antonio Sports and  
19 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Ms. Blackwood as an expression of high regard by the  
23 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1826

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1826 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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