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H.R. No. 3038

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Carolyn Jones is retiring as mayor of
2 Winnsboro in May 2013, drawing to a close an exemplary 12-year
3 tenure in office; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Winnsboro, Carolyn Jones
5 first developed an interest in local government while attending
6 city council meetings in 1995; she went on to contribute to the area
7 chamber of commerce and, just prior to running for office, helped to
8 found the Winnsboro Center for the Arts; her early civic
9 involvement further included memberships in the Winnsboro Economic
10 Development Corporation, the planning and zoning board, and the
11 Winnsboro Humane Society, for which she played a vital role in
12 raising funds to open a new shelter; and

13 WHEREAS, The longest-serving mayor in the history of
14 Winnsboro, Mrs. Jones won election in 2001, and has since shared
15 her insight on a number of boards while overseeing substantial
16 infrastructure improvements; she recommended having a wastewater
17 plant retrofitted rather than replaced, thereby saving the city
18 \$1.5 million, and she oversaw the highly successful
19 sesquicentennial celebration in 2004, as well as Winnsboro's
20 designations as a Main Street City and a Certified Retirement
21 Community; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Jones has additionally given of her time as
23 president of Region 15 of the Texas Municipal League, pageant chair
24 of Miss Texas, and a member of the Autumn Trails Board of Directors;

1 recognized for her exceptional efforts, she was voted Woman of the
2 Year in 2001 and as Volunteer of the Year in 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan is an alumna of Southern
4 Methodist University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in
5 elementary education, prior to pursuing postgraduate studies at
6 Texas A&M University--Commerce; before turning her attention to
7 politics, she enjoyed a career as a teacher and later as an office
8 manager and x-ray technician; she was married to J. D. Jones, owner
9 of the Winnsboro Livestock Sale Barn, for more than 50 years before
10 his passing; and

11 WHEREAS, Carolyn Jones has done much to shape the growth and
12 development of the city of Winnsboro, and she may reflect with pride
13 on the invaluable service that she has rendered; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Carolyn Jones on her
17 retirement as mayor of Winnsboro and extend to her sincere best
18 wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mayor Jones as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.