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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Betty Rice of De Leon retired from Farmers and
2 Merchants Bank on December 31, 2014, concluding an outstanding
3 career with that institution that spanned nearly six decades; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Betty McCrary graduated from De Leon High
5 School in 1956; during her junior year, she served as school
6 librarian and was active in the library club, activities that
7 developed the flair for organization and attention to detail that
8 would serve her well throughout her career; shortly after
9 graduation, she began working at Farmers and Merchants Bank as a
10 bookkeeper; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout her time with the bank, Mrs. Rice saw
12 many changes to technology and procedures; her responsibilities
13 grew as paper registers were replaced by computers, and increasing
14 regulations afforded her the chance to shine as a quick learner in a
15 complex industry; her skill and adaptability led to many promotions
16 over the years, including time as president and chief operating
17 officer; during her last year at the bank, she worked primarily as a
18 consultant; and

19 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Rice enjoys the love and
20 support of her sons, Stephen and Michael, from her marriage of 45
21 years to Robert Rice, who passed away in 2003; and

22 WHEREAS, Betty Rice's hard work and commitment to excellence
23 have greatly benefited her coworkers and clients at Farmers and
24 Merchants Bank, and she may reflect with pride on her many

1 achievements as she embarks on her well-deserved retirement; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Betty Rice on her retirement from
5 Farmers and Merchants Bank and extend to her sincere best wishes for
6 the future; and, be it further

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