

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Fran Burns is retiring as community projects  
2 coordinator for Haltom City on April 30, 2015, concluding a  
3 distinguished career that has spanned more than a quarter-century  
4 with the city; and

5           WHEREAS, Since joining the municipal government in 1988,  
6 Ms. Burns has secured \$1,750,000 in grants for beautification  
7 projects, and her endeavors have earned state and national  
8 recognition for the community; as part of her official  
9 responsibilities, she coordinates the work of Keep Haltom City  
10 Beautiful, which captured a 2014 Keep America Beautiful Affiliate  
11 Award, winning first place in its population category; Ms. Burns  
12 was equally instrumental in the city's receipt of three Keep Texas  
13 Beautiful Governor's Community Achievement Awards, which brought  
14 \$250,000 for right-of-way landscaping projects; and

15           WHEREAS, Fran Burns' deep commitment to her work is reflected  
16 in projects throughout the city; with the aid of grants that she  
17 obtained, she helped to design and install the Haltom City Native  
18 Plant Demonstration Garden and the Grace-Full Community Garden; she  
19 also acquired grants to improve the grounds around City Hall and  
20 other municipal facilities with low-maintenance landscaping;  
21 moreover, the *Green Report*, which she produces each year for KHCB,  
22 informs area residents about environmental programs, events, and  
23 best practices and fosters environmental stewardship; and

24           WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has contributed to virtually

1 every environmental endeavor in her community and to a number of  
2 area-wide efforts as well; she helped found the Northeast  
3 Environmental Team, and she serves as president of the  
4 organization, which coordinates such initiatives as Enviro-Camp,  
5 Enviro-Fair, and the Recycles Day Flea Market; Ms. Burns is also a  
6 founder of the Trinity River Environmental Education Society, and  
7 she has established numerous programs to foster awareness of  
8 environmental issues; she has given generously of her own time and  
9 resources to promote sustainability, and she has spoken extensively  
10 on the issue to schools, garden clubs, children's camps, and other  
11 groups around the state; and

12 WHEREAS, Widely admired for her professional accomplishments  
13 and volunteerism, Ms. Burns has been named a Hometown Hero by the  
14 Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, Fran Burns has dedicated herself to making Haltom  
16 City an even better place in which to live and work, and her  
17 achievements will continue to benefit residents for years to come;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Fran Burns on the occasion of her  
21 retirement as community projects coordinator for Haltom City and  
22 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2022

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2022 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House