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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.