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H.R. No. 2937

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Beverly Kaufman is concluding her tenure as chair of  
2 the advisory board of the Hobby Center for Public Policy at the  
3 University of Houston on June 1, 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, The Hobby Center was established in 1981 as part of  
5 the university's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and  
6 it provides nonpartisan data and analysis to public officials,  
7 business professionals, community leaders, and other members of the  
8 Houston community; it also supplies polling data through its Survey  
9 Research Institute, coordinates a government internship program,  
10 and maintains a community outreach effort; and

11           WHEREAS, Beverly Kaufman first joined the Hobby Center  
12 advisory board in 2000 and was reappointed in 2007; since March  
13 2012, she has held the position of chair, playing a vital leadership  
14 role in the board's activities and contributing greatly to the work  
15 of the center; and

16           WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Ms. Kaufman has enjoyed a  
17 35-year career in public service, including 16 years as Harris  
18 County clerk; she has also generously shared her time and expertise  
19 as president of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, Women  
20 Professionals in Government, Texas Executive Women, and the  
21 National Association of County Recordors, Election Officials, and  
22 Clerks; moreover, she has served as a member of the board for the  
23 Justice Information Management System, Taping for the Blind, the  
24 Houston Council for the Blind, and the United States Election

1 Assistance Commission, among many other groups; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Kaufman's numerous honors include a 2003 Women  
3 on the Move Award, the 2005 County Best Practices Superior  
4 Innovation Award, and the 2007 Linda S. Carter Award for Excellence  
5 in Government; in 2009, she was cited as one of Houston's 50 Most  
6 Influential Women by *Houston Woman Magazine*; and

7 WHEREAS, Beverly Kaufman's skill, dedication, and  
8 professionalism have greatly benefited the Hobby Center and earned  
9 her the respect and admiration of her fellow board members and the  
10 center's staff, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her notable  
11 contributions; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend Beverly Kaufman on her exemplary tenure  
14 as chair of the advisory board of the Hobby Center for Public Policy  
15 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her  
16 important work with the board; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Ms. Kaufman as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.