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H.C.R. No. 148

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Elizabeth J. Nelson is concluding her
2 notable six-year tenure as mayor of Marlin in June 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson began her exemplary career in municipal
4 government in 2004, when she was first elected to a seat on the
5 Marlin City Council; she held that position for the next seven
6 years, and during that time she served on three occasions as mayor
7 pro tem; in 2011 she won the first of three consecutive terms as
8 mayor, becoming the second woman to hold that office in the city's
9 145-year history; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan earned a bachelor's degree in
11 biology and earth science from Texas Tech University and a master's
12 degree in secondary education from The University of Texas of the
13 Permian Basin; she spent a number of years in the public schools and
14 then went to work for the Texas Youth Commission, where she served
15 as an assistant principal and as coordinator of the Educational
16 Assessment Unit; after joining the staff of Texas A&M University in
17 2001, she coordinated a special project for the Jeffersonian
18 Institute; and

19 WHEREAS, A founding member of the Falls County Boys and Girls
20 Club, Mayor Nelson played an instrumental role in securing a \$1.8
21 million grant to fund an after-school program for young people in
22 Marlin; she is also a member of the Falls County Historical
23 Commission, the Marlin Rotary Club, the executive committee of the
24 Heart of Texas Council of Governments, and the board of directors of

1 the Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation; her impressive
2 record of community service includes past membership on the boards
3 of the Marlin Library, the Palace Theatre, and the American Heart
4 Association; in recognition of her extensive contributions in the
5 civic realm, Leadership Texas selected her in 2000 as one of 90
6 Texas women to be honored for their lifetime achievements; and

7 WHEREAS, During Elizabeth Nelson's six years at the helm of
8 Marlin's city government, she has demonstrated both able leadership
9 and a deep concern for the public interest, and she may indeed
10 reflect with pride on all she has accomplished in behalf of her
11 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby commend Elizabeth J. Nelson on her service as mayor of Marlin
14 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and
15 happiness; and, be it further

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