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H.R. No. 147

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sandy Spoonemore of Plano was named Ms. Wheelchair
2 Texas at the Crown Jewel of Texas Gala in Houston on February 6,
3 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Affiliated with the Ms. Wheelchair America program,
5 which was established in 1972, the Ms. Wheelchair Texas pageant
6 selects a supremely accomplished and articulate woman to serve as a
7 spokesperson for the millions of disabled individuals in the Lone
8 Star State; the winner qualifies for the Ms. Wheelchair America
9 contest and spends the next year traveling and making public
10 appearances to raise awareness of both the needs and the
11 achievements of her constituency; and

12 WHEREAS, An inspiring role model, Ms. Spoonemore competed
13 with nine other contestants to become Ms. Wheelchair Texas; as the
14 titleholder for 2016, she will be encouraging individuals,
15 families, companies, and the State of Texas to recognize that
16 everyone has value and purpose; and

17 WHEREAS, This longtime Plano resident earned her bachelor's
18 degree at Baylor University and went on to find success working with
19 Fortune 500 companies; she later left the corporate world to embark
20 on a rewarding career with Mary Kay Cosmetics, where she currently
21 serves as an independent sales director, responsible for managing
22 and mentoring a team of 85; in honor of her innovation, marketing
23 skills, and commitment to excellence, she received the 2009
24 Entrepreneurship Award from the Governor's Committee on People with

1 Disabilities; and

2 WHEREAS, While making her mark in the business world,
3 Ms. Spoonemore has also given generously of her time and efforts on
4 behalf of others with disabilities, lobbying for federal
5 legislation to increase employment opportunities and volunteering
6 at the 2000 Paralympic Summer Games in Sydney; and

7 WHEREAS, Sandy Spoonemore has demonstrated a boundless
8 determination and positive spirit in pursuing her goals, and she is
9 a tremendous source of pride to all who know her; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Sandy Spoonemore on being named
13 Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2016 and extend to her sincere best wishes for
14 a meaningful and memorable reign; and, be it further

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