

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mae Beth Palone is retiring from the Independent
2 Bankers Association of Texas on February 28, 2017, drawing to a
3 close an outstanding career that has spanned more than four
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Sweetwater, Ms. Palone earned a
6 bachelor's degree in journalism from The University of Texas and
7 has lived in Austin ever since; following her graduation in 1975,
8 she joined the staff of State Representative Elmer Martin; she went
9 on to work in the offices of Representatives Walter Grubbs, Jimmy
10 Mankins, and Foster Whaley, and she even assisted a newly elected
11 representative, Rick Perry, before he had his own staff; she
12 finished her Capitol career in the service of Representative Robert
13 Earley; and

14 WHEREAS, On November 15, 1994, Ms. Palone became the
15 government relations officer for the Independent Bankers
16 Association of Texas, and in that role, she worked tirelessly to
17 promote the cause of community bankers in Texas; she also wrote the
18 scripts for the organization's annual convention and other IBAT
19 events and communications; and

20 WHEREAS, After receiving a promotion to vice president in
21 2000, Ms. Palone took the reins of the leadership division in 2004,
22 and under her guidance, the organization's membership grew to over
23 590; during her notable tenure, she also implemented a regional
24 governance structure and mentored future leaders of the Texas

1 banking industry; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Ms. Palone has
3 found time to give back to her community as a CASA volunteer and as a
4 member of the board of directors of her homeowners association; in
5 her leisure hours, she can often be found cheering on the Texas
6 Longhorns, and she never misses a home game; and

7 WHEREAS, Through her professionalism, deep experience, and
8 commitment to excellence, Mae Beth Palone has greatly benefited the
9 Texas community banking industry and countless area residents, and
10 she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Mae Beth Palone on the occasion of
14 her retirement from the Independent Bankers Association of Texas
15 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
16 further

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

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H.R. No. 550

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 550 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House