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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Libby Averyt is retiring as president of the Corpus
2 Christi *Caller-Times* on February 17, 2017, drawing to a close a
3 notable tenure with the organization that has spanned more than
4 three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Averyt graduated with a bachelor's degree in
6 journalism from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's
7 degree in communication from Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi;
8 she began her career with the *Caller-Times* in 1986 as a night-shift
9 police reporter, and over the next quarter century, she steadily
10 advanced through the staff ranks to become the executive editor; a
11 highly esteemed journalist, she received the prestigious Edward
12 Willis Scripps Award for Distinguished Service to the First
13 Amendment in 1990; and

14 WHEREAS, In December 2010, Ms. Averyt was promoted to vice
15 president of advertising, a position she held for four years before
16 being named president and publisher, earning the distinction of
17 becoming the first woman to serve as the newspaper's chief
18 executive; in that role, she has overseen the operations not only of
19 the *Caller-Times* but also of publications in Abilene, San Angelo,
20 and Wichita Falls; and

21 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Averyt has been supported
22 by the love and encouragement of her husband, Charles Kaffie Jr.,
23 and their five children, Grace, Avery, William, Lauren, and
24 Charles; and

1 WHEREAS, Libby Averyt's vision, leadership, and commitment
2 to excellence have greatly benefited the Corpus Christi
3 *Caller-Times*, and she may indeed reflect with pride on all she has
4 achieved as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Libby Averyt on her retirement as
8 president of the Corpus Christi *Caller-Times* and extend to her
9 sincere best wishes for continued happiness and fulfillment; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Ms. Averyt as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.