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H.R. No. 858

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pollyanna and Steve Stephens of San Angelo are being
2 honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Texas Southwest
3 Council of the Boy Scouts of America on April 13, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Longtime civic and business leaders, the couple are
5 retired from Town & Country Food Stores, Inc., where Mr. Stephens
6 served as cofounder, chair, and CEO, and Mrs. Stephens supported
7 the company's operations as co-owner, board secretary, and director
8 of public relations and special events; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin,
10 F. L. "Steve" Stephens is a former director of First Financial
11 Bankshares, San Angelo National Bank, and West Texas Utilities
12 Company; over the years, this esteemed Texan has given back to the
13 business community through his work as chair of the Texas, West
14 Texas, and San Angelo Chambers of Commerce, as well as in leadership
15 roles for the local, state, and national Jaycees organizations;
16 moreover, he is a past chair of the San Angelo Health Foundation,
17 the Tom Green County United Way Campaign, and other local
18 institutions, and he has held gubernatorial appointments to the
19 Texas Board of Criminal Justice and the Texas Strategic Economic
20 Development Planning Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, Another proud Longhorn, Pollyanna Stephens is also
22 an exceptionally engaged citizen, having served on the boards of
23 the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, the San Angelo Communities
24 Foundation, and the San Angelo Business and Education Coalition;

1 among the many other organizations that have benefited from her
2 involvement are Volunteers in Public Schools, the YMCA, the Rio
3 Concho Manor Retirement Center, and the West Texas Lighthouse for
4 the Blind, and she has additionally volunteered her time with the
5 Junior League of San Angelo, which she served as president and as a
6 National Committee member; moreover, she and her husband have
7 co-chaired the Beacon to the Future Committee for a new library in
8 Tom Green County; and

9 WHEREAS, This dynamic couple have been recognized as Citizens
10 of the Year by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, and in honor of
11 their many good works, a number of facilities in San Angelo now bear
12 their name, including the Stephens Natatorium at the YMCA, the
13 Stephens County Library, the Stephens Arena at Angelo State
14 University, and the Stephens Performing Arts Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have been married nearly six
16 decades, and they are blessed with two daughters, Susan and Liz, and
17 four grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Through a lifetime of purposeful endeavor,
19 Pollyanna and Steve Stephens have contributed immeasurably to the
20 San Angelo community, and in so doing, they have earned the deep and
21 lasting respect of their fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Pollyanna and Steve Stephens on
24 their receipt of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Texas
25 Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America and extend to them
26 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Stephens as an expression of high regard
2 by the Texas House of Representatives.