## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Shirlane Wilkerson is retiring from the U.S. Social Security Administration on June 30, 2017, drawing to a close a notable tenure that has spanned nearly a quarter century; and

WHEREAS, A native of Orange, Shirlane Wilkerson graduated from Emma H. Wallace Junior-Senior High School in 1964; she subsequently answered her nation's call to duty as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, and her three years of service included assignments at Camp Pendleton in California and Camp H. M. Smith in Hawaii; after returning to civilian life, she earned a bachelor's degree in applied science from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkerson gained many years of professional experience in a variety of fields, particularly the oil and gas industry, before joining the U.S. Social Security Administration; over the decades, her exemplary efforts have garnered her the lasting respect and admiration of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Retirement will undoubtedly afford Ms. Wilkerson the opportunity to spend more time with her beloved family, including her husband of 27 years, Larry Wilkerson, and her son, Darral Watts, and she looks forward to traveling and living life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and professionalism demonstrated by Shirlane Wilkerson have greatly benefited her fellow citizens, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent; now,

## therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85 th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Shirlane Wilkerson on her retirement from the U.S. Social Security Administration and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

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

