

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rear Admiral TeCora Ballom of the United States  
2 Public Health Service was sworn in as an assistant U.S. surgeon  
3 general on May 19, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, A physician with board certification in both family  
5 and correctional medicine, Rear Admiral Ballom serves as the South  
6 Central regional medical director for the Federal Bureau of  
7 Prisons; the Dallas native will continue in that challenging role,  
8 overseeing medical care for 16 prisons and 30,000 inmates in Texas,  
9 Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Louisiana; and

10           WHEREAS, The nation's assistant surgeons general provide  
11 crucial leadership in responding to natural disasters, epidemics,  
12 and other emergencies; Rear Admiral Ballom has demonstrated  
13 exceptional judgment and ability throughout her career; in 2010,  
14 she took on a temporary assignment to furnish executive expertise  
15 during the transition of Immigration and Health Services into the  
16 Department of Homeland Security; she was subsequently designated  
17 officer in charge for a Commissioned Corps Hospital Assistance  
18 Team, deployed to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
19 to assist the only hospital on the island of Saipan; and

20           WHEREAS, In 2014, Rear Admiral Ballom was named Applied  
21 Public Health Physician of the Year by the USPHS; in addition, she  
22 has been inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public  
23 Health and earned the USPHS Outstanding Service Medal; she holds a  
24 bachelor's degree in chemistry from Bishop College, a master's

1 degree in public health from the University of Massachusetts at  
2 Amherst, and an osteopathic medical diploma from the University of  
3 North Texas Health Science Center; and

4 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Ballom has made a positive difference  
5 in countless lives through her deep commitment to the vital mission  
6 of the U.S. Public Health Service, and she has earned the lasting  
7 respect and appreciation of her fellow citizens; now, therefore, be  
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Rear Admiral TeCora Ballom on her  
11 appointment as a U.S. assistant surgeon general and extend to her  
12 sincere best wishes for continued success in her important work;  
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Rear Admiral Ballom as an expression of high regard by  
16 the Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2545

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2545 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House