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H.R. No. 2545

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.