

By: Geren

H.R. No. 2626

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rachel Dunnam has ably served her fellow Texans as
2 director of environmental affairs in the office of State
3 Representative Charlie Geren and as assistant clerk for the House
4 Administration Committee during the 85th Regular Session; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Dunnam's resourcefulness, initiative, and able
6 handling of her responsibilities have earned the appreciation of
7 both her colleagues and members of the committee and have
8 contributed to the work of addressing issues that face citizens
9 across the Lone Star State; and

10 WHEREAS, A rising junior at The University of Texas at
11 Austin, Ms. Dunnam is majoring in business and marketing and
12 pursuing a certificate in business and public policy, and in spite
13 of being tasked with a roster of duties that include washing the
14 office's dirty dishes and filing the representative's personal
15 financial statements, she has maintained a 3.9 grade point average
16 during the legislative session; and

17 WHEREAS, Together with recognizing Ms. Dunnam for her
18 service to the Texas Legislature, this resolution will also serve
19 to right a longstanding wrong; in 2005, the 79th Texas Legislature
20 passed the now infamous "Cupcake Amendment," which was named
21 "Lauren's Law" after Ms. Dunnam's sister; in truth, the idea for the
22 law was Rachel Dunnam's, not her sister's, so today we pass
23 "Rachel's Resolution," which is not as good as "Rachel's Law," but
24 it will have to do; and

1 WHEREAS, In spite of this injustice, this esteemed public
2 employee has performed her duties with skill and dedication, and
3 she is indeed deserving of special recognition for her fine work;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Rachel Dunnam for her service as
7 director of environmental affairs in the office of State
8 Representative Charlie Geren and as assistant clerk for the House
9 Administration Committee and extend to her sincere best wishes for
10 continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of "Rachel's Resolution" be
12 prepared for Ms. Dunnam as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.