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H.R. No. 1265

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen Bell is completing her exemplary tenure as
2 British consul general in Houston in the summer of 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 2015, Ms. Bell has overseen the United
4 Kingdom's engagement in a five-state area that encompasses Texas,
5 Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico; in that role, she
6 guides the provision of consular services to British nationals
7 while working tirelessly to strengthen political ties between the
8 U.S. and the UK, to enhance trade and investment partnerships, and
9 to promote science and innovation links; her tenure has seen
10 numerous milestones in the relationship between Texas and the UK,
11 including the inauguration of the Bio Bridge initiative to share
12 life science technology and the creation of multiple memoranda of
13 understanding laying the foundations for direct cooperation in the
14 years ahead; and

15 WHEREAS, A career diplomat known for her deep expertise as
16 well as her kindness, wit, and charm, Ms. Bell joined the Foreign
17 and Commonwealth Office in the 1980s; she served most recently as
18 deputy head of mission for the British Consulate General in Hong
19 Kong, and her previous postings included Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and
20 Canada; a promotion is taking her next to the Republic of Vanuatu,
21 where she will become the UK high commissioner; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Bell is supported in all her endeavors by the
23 love and encouragement of her husband, Adrian Bell, and their sons,
24 Chris and Tom; while residing in the Bayou City, the family gained

1 its very own Texas native, a border collie named Stella; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her knowledge, experience, and steadfast
3 dedication, Karen Bell has helped to further the long-standing
4 friendship between the Lone Star State and the United Kingdom, and
5 in so doing, she has earned the admiration and appreciation of
6 innumerable Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Karen Bell for her outstanding service as
9 British consul general in Houston and extend to her sincere best
10 wishes for continued success in her new role; and, be it further

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