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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Sandy Hilliard of Canton is stepping down in 2019 as 2 president of the Region 4 Child Welfare Board and as vice president 3 of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, drawing to a close 4 more than two decades of exemplary volunteer service with the 5 state's foster care programs; and

champion 6 WHEREAS, A longtime for foster children, 7 Ms. Hilliard has made a positive difference in the lives of countless young Texans; she has served for five years as president 8 9 of the Region 4 CWB, which is made up of 23 counties in East Texas, and for two years as vice president of the TCCWB, which oversees all 10 11 254 county welfare boards in the state; moreover, she was a member 12 of the Van Zandt County CWB for two decades, and in her work as a court appointed special advocate in Van Zandt County, she helped 13 14 facilitate the adoption of 11 children; and

WHEREAS, This caring woman's other community contributions include serving for 18 years on the Tri-County Selective Service Board, which covers Kaufman, Rockwall, and Van Zandt Counties; in addition, she was a member of the Cancer Board of Van Zandt County for three years, serving as chair of the county's first two Relays for Life; for 45 years, she has performed as "Mrs. Claus" at holiday celebrations; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors, Ms. Hilliard has been recognized as Woman of the Year by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as Woman of the Year by Van Zandt County, as Volunteer of

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1 the Year by the Van Zandt County CWB, as Child Welfare Board Member 2 Volunteer of the Year for Region 4, as State Volunteer of the Year 3 by the TCCWB, and as Citizen of the Year by the East Texas Council of 4 Governments; and

5 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Hilliard enjoys the love 6 and support of her husband, Cary Hilliard, and she takes great pride 7 in her two children, her four grandchildren, and her 8 great-granddaughter; and

9 WHEREAS, Texas is fortunate to have such compassionate and 10 engaged residents as Sandy Hilliard, whose history of volunteerism 11 is an inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 13 Legislature hereby commend Sandy Hilliard for her 20 years of 14 volunteer service with the state's foster care programs and extend 15 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 17 prepared for Ms. Hilliard as an expression of high regard by the 18 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1464 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House