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H.R. No. 265

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alicia Roth Weigel has been a leader in the fight for
2 social justice for members of the LGBTQIA+ communities in Texas,
3 and her efforts have made a positive difference in numerous lives;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the City of Austin's Human Rights
6 Commission, Ms. Weigel works with her colleagues to ensure that
7 area residents are free from discrimination on the basis of race,
8 disability, religion, national origin, gender, sex, or age; the
9 commission provides valuable advice on such matters and assists in
10 developing nondiscrimination policies, investigating complaints,
11 and conducting educational programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Weigel is an eloquent champion of the rights and
13 well-being of intersex people; her advocacy was instrumental in the
14 Austin City Council's proclamation of October 26, 2019, as Intersex
15 Awareness Day, and she is spearheading the drive for Austin to
16 become the first city in the South to adopt an intersex protective
17 policy condemning nonconsensual and medically unnecessary
18 surgeries on intersex kids and implementing a public education
19 campaign on intersex health care; and

20 WHEREAS, A graduate of Cornell University, Ms. Weigel helped
21 launch Deeds Not Words, a progressive women's leadership
22 organization, in 2016; as its strategy and communications director,
23 and then as its policy and advocacy director, she traveled the
24 country to speak at conferences, conduct corporate workshops in

1 gender equity, and train young people in legislative advocacy; she
2 went on to become an advocacy strategist for interACT, a nonprofit
3 organization that promotes the legal and human rights of intersex
4 children; in addition, she managed the campaign of the first openly
5 transgender woman candidate for Austin's city council; she received
6 the 2019 Ceci Gratias Guardian Award from the Austin LGBT Chamber of
7 Commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, Through her tireless endeavors, Alicia Weigel has
9 helped further inclusion and equality in the Lone Star State, and
10 she may indeed reflect with pride on her outstanding contributions;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Alicia Roth Weigel
14 for her service to the LGBTQIA+ communities of Texas and extend to
15 her sincere best wishes for continued success in her important
16 work; and, be it further

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