

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Susan Christian retired as director of the Houston
2 Mayor's Office of Special Events on January 17, 2025, drawing to a
3 close an exemplary career with the city spanning nearly four
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Christian first joined the Houston Parks and
6 Recreation Department in 1985, and was tasked with creating MOSE in
7 1992; over the course of her tenure as director, she has been
8 responsible for producing numerous local events, such as the
9 July 4th Freedom Over Texas celebration, the H-E-B Thanksgiving Day
10 Parade, and Cigna Sunday in the Park, as well as all eight of
11 Houston's national sports championship victory parades; under her
12 leadership, the city serves as host to a number of national and
13 international tournaments, including NCAA Championship, NFL Super
14 Bowl, and FIFA World Cup games; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2015, Ms. Christian cofounded Houston Civic
16 Events, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating the
17 city's talent pool through mentorship programs, workshops, and
18 alliances with educational institutions; in addition, she has
19 served on boards and committees for various groups, among them The
20 Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park and the Houston Livestock Show
21 and Rodeo; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Christian is a graduate of Texas Christian
23 University, where she earned her bachelor's degree; in all her
24 endeavors, she enjoys the love and support of her partner, Laura

1 Spanjian, as well as that of her two sons; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her commitment to community enrichment,
3 inclusivity, and the arts, Ms. Christian has furthered Houston's
4 reputation as a destination for world-class events, and she may
5 take well-deserved pride in her exceptional record of achievement
6 as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Susan Christian on her retirement
10 as director of the Houston Mayor's Office of Special Events and
11 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Johnson

H.R. No. 138

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 138 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House