

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

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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.

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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.

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Chief Clerk of the House