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H.R. No. 138

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.