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S.R. No. 548

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Rose M. Z. Gowen is concluding her service as a
2 Brownsville city commissioner in May 2025, drawing to a close an
3 outstanding tenure spanning 16 years; and

4 WHEREAS, First elected to the Brownsville City Commission
5 At-Large "B" position in 2009, Dr. Gowen has since used her
6 background as a practicing physician to identify and address health
7 needs in the community; she has spearheaded a number of wellness
8 initiatives, including the CycloBia series and The Challenge-RGV,
9 an annual event that has engaged more than 12,000 participants; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Gowen was also key in forging a partnership
11 between the City of Brownsville and The University of Texas Health
12 Science Center at Houston School of Public Health-Brownsville,
13 resulting in such transformative projects as the Brownsville
14 Farmers' Market, which garnered the Certificate of Excellence from
15 the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission; in addition, she helped
16 promote the Vibrant Lecture Series, the Build a Better Block
17 program, and the revitalization of Market Square; and

18 WHEREAS, A champion of sustainable infrastructure, Dr. Gowen
19 coauthored the plan for the Caracara Trails project, a 428-mile
20 route network that connects communities across Cameron County; she
21 also played an important role in the completion of the West Rail
22 Trail, which provides an essential link in the city's trail loop;
23 her leadership was instrumental in Brownsville receiving a 2014
24 Culture of Health Prize from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and

1 an All-America City Award from the National Civic League; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her expertise in medicine, public policy,
3 and community building, Rose Gowen has helped set Brownsville on a
4 course to an even brighter future, and she may indeed reflect with
5 pride on her accomplishments as she embarks on the next exciting
6 chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
8 hereby congratulate Dr. Rose M. Z. Gowen on her retirement as a
9 Brownsville city commissioner and extend to her sincere best wishes
10 for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Dr. Gowen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 Senate.