

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jeanne Collins of El Paso is the 2009 recipient of
2 the Sarah T. Hughes Women Lawyers of Achievement Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Given by the Women and the Law Section of the State
4 Bar of Texas, this accolade recognizes Jeanne "Cezy" Collins for
5 her work to advance women's issues and enhance the legal
6 profession; Ms. Collins has spearheaded such efforts as a statewide
7 survey for Texas Women Lawyers on the maternity leave policies of
8 various law firms, through which she demonstrated the difficulty
9 that women face in balancing their roles as mothers and lawyers, as
10 well as the challenge of retaining women within the industry; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins grew up with the desire to defend the
12 rights of underrepresented groups, and she knew from an early age
13 that she wanted to practice law; she went on to graduate from the
14 University of Southern California in 1986, and she earned a law
15 degree from the University of Arizona in 1991; she moved to El Paso
16 in 1993 to work for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, and she later joined
17 the El Paso County Attorney's office, becoming the division chief
18 of the civil litigation and family violence units; in 2000, she
19 accepted a position as a commercial litigator with one of El Paso's
20 oldest firms, Kemp Smith; and

21 WHEREAS, A partner at her firm specializing in copyright and
22 trademark matters, Ms. Collins still finds the time to devote to
23 numerous professional organizations, including Texas Women Lawyers
24 and the El Paso Women's Bar Association; she has also served as the

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1 El Paso area director for the State Bar of Texas, as a vice
2 president of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations
3 and of the El Paso Bar Foundation, and as president of the National
4 Foundation for Women's Bar Associations, and she was appointed to
5 the Texas Access to Justice Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of her outstanding career, Jeanne
7 Collins has demonstrated the utmost dedication to her profession
8 and to her community, and she has garnered the lasting respect and
9 admiration of her colleagues and fellow citizens alike; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Jeanne Collins on her receipt of
13 the 2009 Sarah T. Hughes Women Lawyers of Achievement Award and
14 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and
15 happiness; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2722 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House