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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Holly Ridings, a native of Amarillo, was named chief  
2 flight director of the National Aeronautics and Space  
3 Administration on September 17, 2018, and she indeed merits special  
4 recognition for receiving this significant honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridings first got involved in the space program  
6 as a student in 1997, while participating in an initiative at the  
7 Goddard Space Flight Center; later that year, she took a permanent  
8 position at the Johnson Space Center as a United Space Alliance  
9 thermal operations and resource officer; she continued in a similar  
10 role at NASA from 1998 to 2003 and was subsequently promoted to  
11 Space Station Motion Control Systems Group lead; and

12 WHEREAS, Selected to become a flight director in 2005,  
13 Ms. Ridings has served as the lead flight director for several  
14 crucial missions, including International Space Station Expedition  
15 16, Space Shuttle Program STS-127, and the first SpaceX Dragon  
16 cargo spacecraft mission to the space station; and

17 WHEREAS, NASA's first female chief flight director,  
18 Ms. Ridings is responsible for managing 32 flight directors and  
19 trainees at the JSC Mission Control Center; this elite group  
20 oversees all of the agency's human spaceflight missions, such as  
21 ISS missions and Orion missions to the moon and beyond, as well as  
22 the development of the next generation of space vehicles; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Ridings graduated from Tascosa High School as a  
24 member of the Class of 1992 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree

1 in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University; in February  
2 2019, she was inducted into the Tascosa High School Hall of Fame;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, During her outstanding career with NASA, Holly  
5 Ridings has demonstrated great intelligence, skill, and  
6 determination, and her thoughtful and forward-looking leadership  
7 is certain to be of great benefit to the agency in her role as its  
8 chief flight director; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Holly Ridings on being named chief  
11 flight director of the National Aeronautics and Space  
12 Administration and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
13 success; and, be it further

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