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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Natalie Stephenson retired as the outdoor education
2 manager for the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains on October 31,
3 2018, drawing to a close a long and fulfilling career with the Girl
4 Scouts that spanned 44 years; and

5 WHEREAS, A Pampa native, Ms. Stephenson began her
6 involvement in scouting in the second grade and has been a stalwart
7 supporter of the organization ever since; she joined the staff of
8 the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains after moving to Amarillo
9 with her husband in 1974 and was elevated to the position of outdoor
10 education manager six years later; in that role, she planned
11 outdoor programs for the 82 counties GSTOP covers, as well as for
12 the group's Texas camps, and she supervised a full-time staff at
13 GSTOP's headquarters in Fort Worth; she also served as the resident
14 director of Camp Kiwanis in Amarillo, which welcomes an average of
15 500 scouts each summer; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout her affiliation with the Girl Scouts,
17 Ms. Stephenson embraced the opportunity to mentor and nurture the
18 talents of its members; her work involved organizing outdoor
19 adventures such as horseback riding and swimming, and she enjoyed
20 watching campers overcome their fears and push themselves to
21 greater heights while forming friendships and making lasting
22 memories; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her dedication, skill, and undeniable
24 passion for the Girl Scouts organization, Natalie Stephenson has

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1 helped make scouting a more rewarding and enriching experience for
2 countless young women, and she may reflect with great pride on all
3 that she has accomplished as she embarks on the next exciting
4 chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Natalie Stephenson on her
7 retirement from the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains and extend
8 to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Stephenson as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.