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H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2003, Cleve Freeman retired from his
2 position with the Southern California Gas Company, drawing to a
3 close an illustrious career in business that has spanned nearly 35
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, This Conroe native is a graduate of Booker T.
6 Washington, where he served not only as senior class president but
7 also as the captain of the basketball, baseball, and track teams;
8 following his graduation in 1965, he attended Prairie View A&M
9 University and later moved to California to pursue further
10 professional development and to establish himself as a manager of
11 note in the energy industry; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Freeman embarked on a secondary career
13 as a reserve officer with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
14 and today works as a community relations specialist, fostering
15 improved communications between the force and the Hispanic and
16 African-American communities; a two-time recipient of the LAPD
17 Reserve Officer of the Year award, he was the first cochair of the
18 77th Precinct Community Police Advisory Board; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman has given generously of his time and
20 resources to promote positive change in his community; in addition
21 to cofounding Hyde Park Organizational Partnerships for
22 Empowerment (HOPE), he helped launch the first youth soccer program
23 in South Central Los Angeles and today works with the American Youth
24 Soccer Organization as a regional commissioner and National

1 Development Commission board member; he has been profiled by CNN,
2 *Nightline*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, and he has spoken at
3 numerous conferences and events around the world; and

4 WHEREAS, This outstanding individual has truly made the world
5 a better place in which to live, work, and raise a family; having
6 retired from the world of business, he now looks forward to writing
7 new chapters in his extraordinary life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Cleve L.
10 Freeman, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him
11 best wishes for continued happiness and success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Freeman as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.