

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Johnie Alford, the owner of Alford's Supermarket in
2 Port Acres, is embarking on a well-deserved retirement after 56
3 years in the grocery business; and

4 WHEREAS, Alford's Supermarket originated as a two-pump gas
5 station in 1947; shortly thereafter, Mr. Alford began selling
6 loaves of bread, crackers, and snacks, and at the request of local
7 refinery workers who stopped by for breakfast, he eventually began
8 selling groceries; and

9 WHEREAS, Fifty-six years later, he may look with pride not
10 only on his flourishing supermarket, which survived flooding by
11 Hurricane Carla in 1963 and a devastating fire in 1980, but also on
12 his other ventures, which have included B&L Superette, M&M
13 Superette, Country Corner, Alford's Feed & Hardware, Alford's Papa
14 John's Restaurant, and Alford's Service Station; and

15 WHEREAS, A valued member of his community, Mr. Alford has
16 further given generously of his time and resources in support of
17 many local projects and programs, including Little League and
18 church youth groups; and

19 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Alford's leadership, the market that bears
20 his name has long been a popular fixture in Port Acres, a place
21 where many area teens have held their first jobs and local residents
22 have enjoyed shopping, knowing they are supporting a business and,
23 in turn, a man who has done so much for the community; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Johnie Alford
3 on the occasion of his retirement as the owner of Alford's
4 Supermarket and extend to him sincere best wishes for much
5 happiness in the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Alford as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 131

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 131 was adopted by the House on August 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House