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H.R. No. 205

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Irving has long derived immeasurable
2 benefit from the civic involvement of a group of citizens formally
3 and fondly known as the Rat Pack; and

4 WHEREAS, These public-spirited individuals adopted a charter
5 and bylaws for the group in January 1997, but their involvement in
6 charitable and community causes and their close friendship with one
7 another extend back many years before that; the group was founded by
8 five couples: Pat and Meredith Bolger, Betty and Ed Fulbright,
9 Joyce and Douglas Gregory, Bobbie and Marvin Randle, and Doris and
10 Jack Spurlock; and

11 WHEREAS, A former longtime board member of the American
12 Cancer Society, Pat Bolger presently serves on the boards of the
13 Salvation Army and Our Children's Center at Irving and chairs the
14 historical markers committee for Irving's 2003 centennial
15 celebration; Meredith Bolger has been appointed to numerous city
16 panels and currently shares his expertise as a board member for the
17 Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

18 WHEREAS, Also serving on the Salvation Army Board is Betty
19 Fulbright, whose husband, Ed, is a former captain of the Irving
20 Police Reserves and the Deputy Constable Reserves and the current
21 president of the Irving AMBUCS (American Business Clubs) chapter;
22 tributes to the couple include a Best Actress award for Mrs.
23 Fulbright from the American Cancer Society at its 2000 Hollywood
24 Premiere Night fund-raiser, the 2003 AMBUC of the Year award for Mr.

1 Fulbright, and an Irving High Spirited Citizen Award that was
2 bestowed on them jointly; and

3 WHEREAS, Joyce Gregory's longtime civic engagement includes
4 many years' work on the hospital fund-raiser Texasfest, while
5 Douglas Gregory sits on the city's planning and zoning board and the
6 board of the Elks' Ottine Children's Camp; they, too, have been
7 corecipients of the Irving High Spirited Citizen Award; and

8 WHEREAS, An energetic fund-raiser for the American Cancer
9 Society, Bobbie Randle has cochaired that organization's Hollywood
10 Premiere Night, together with Pat Bolger; Marvin Randle, a native
11 of Irving, presently serves as cochair of the city's centennial
12 committee and formerly served as mayor of the city and as president
13 of the Irving Heritage Society, chamber of commerce, and Rotary
14 Club; and

15 WHEREAS, Credit for organizing the Rat Pack goes to Jack
16 Spurlock, whose late wife, Doris, was a charter member as well; Mr.
17 Spurlock currently sits on the planning and zoning board and chairs
18 a group that provides specially adapted tricycles for disabled
19 children; a former city councilman and president of the Irving
20 Convention and Visitors Bureau, he has been honored as AMBUC of the
21 Year at the local and district levels and as Best Actor at the
22 American Cancer Society's 2001 Hollywood Premiere; and

23 WHEREAS, The Rat Pack's exceptional commitment to its
24 community is equally evidenced by its members' participation in
25 their churches and their work in local politics; for several years,
26 the men have also volunteered to cook fish for the large Juneteenth
27 celebration in the Bear Creek community; and

1 WHEREAS, In their unflagging desire to do good for their city
2 and for those in need, the members of the Rat Pack have given
3 unstintingly of their time, organizational talents, and seasoned
4 leadership, and their efforts have earned them the affection and
5 esteem of countless fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor the members of the
8 Irving Rat Pack for their exemplary dedication to the city of Irving
9 and extend to them deep appreciation for their tremendous
10 contributions and for the shining civic example that they all have
11 set.