

1-1 By: Harper-Brown (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.C.R. No. 3
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House September 17, 2003;
1-3 September 17, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; September 25, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; September 25, 2003, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-8 WHEREAS, The city of Irving has long derived immeasurable
1-9 benefit from the civic involvement of a group of citizens formally
1-10 and fondly known as the Rat Pack; and

1-11 WHEREAS, These public-spirited individuals adopted a charter
1-12 and bylaws for the group in January 1997, but their involvement in
1-13 charitable and community causes and their close friendship with one
1-14 another extend back many years before that; the group was founded by
1-15 five couples: Pat and Meredith Bolger, Betty and Ed Fulbright,
1-16 Joyce and Douglas Gregory, Bobbie and Marvin Randle, and Doris and
1-17 Jack Spurlock; and

1-18 WHEREAS, A former longtime board member of the American
1-19 Cancer Society, Pat Bolger presently serves on the boards of the
1-20 Salvation Army and Our Children's Center at Irving and chairs the
1-21 historical markers committee for Irving's 2003 centennial
1-22 celebration; Meredith Bolger has been appointed to numerous city
1-23 panels and currently shares his expertise as a board member for the
1-24 Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Also serving on the Salvation Army Board is Betty
1-26 Fulbright, whose husband, Ed, is a former captain of the Irving
1-27 Police Reserves and the Deputy Constable Reserves and the current
1-28 president of the Irving AMBUCS (American Business Clubs) chapter;
1-29 tributes to the couple include a Best Actress award for Mrs.
1-30 Fulbright from the American Cancer Society at its 2000 Hollywood
1-31 Premiere Night fund-raiser, the 2003 AMBUC of the Year award for Mr.
1-32 Fulbright, and an Irving High Spirited Citizen Award that was
1-33 bestowed on them jointly; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Joyce Gregory's longtime civic engagement includes
1-35 many years' work on the hospital fund-raiser Texasfest, while
1-36 Douglas Gregory sits on the city's planning and zoning board and the
1-37 board of the Elks' Ottine Children's Camp; they, too, have been
1-38 corecipients of the Irving High Spirited Citizen Award; and

1-39 WHEREAS, An energetic fund-raiser for the American Cancer
1-40 Society, Bobbie Randle has cochaired that organization's Hollywood
1-41 Premiere Night, together with Pat Bolger; Marvin Randle, a native
1-42 of Irving, presently serves as cochair of the city's centennial
1-43 committee and formerly served as mayor of the city and as president
1-44 of the Irving Heritage Society, chamber of commerce, and Rotary
1-45 Club; and

1-46 WHEREAS, Credit for organizing the Rat Pack goes to Jack
1-47 Spurlock, whose late wife, Doris, was a charter member as well; Mr.
1-48 Spurlock currently sits on the planning and zoning board and chairs
1-49 a group that provides specially adapted tricycles for disabled
1-50 children; a former city councilman and president of the Irving
1-51 Convention and Visitors Bureau, he has been honored as AMBUC of the
1-52 Year at the local and district levels and as Best Actor at the
1-53 American Cancer Society's 2001 Hollywood Premiere; and

1-54 WHEREAS, The Rat Pack's exceptional commitment to its
1-55 community is equally evidenced by its members' participation in
1-56 their churches and their work in local politics; for several years,
1-57 the men have also volunteered to cook fish for the large Juneteenth
1-58 celebration in the Bear Creek community; and

1-59 WHEREAS, In their unflagging desire to do good for their city
1-60 and for those in need, the members of the Rat Pack have given
1-61 unstintingly of their time, organizational talents, and seasoned
1-62 leadership, and their efforts have earned them the affection and
1-63 esteem of countless fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

1-64 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,

2-1 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the members of the Irving Rat Pack
2-2 for their exemplary dedication to the city of Irving and extend to
2-3 them deep appreciation for their tremendous contributions and for
2-4 the shining civic example that they all have set.

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