

By: Mabry

H.R. No. 7

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The West Chamber of Commerce has named West Bank &
2 Trust as its 2003 Business of the Year in recognition of this
3 institution's outstanding banking and customer services; and

4 WHEREAS, Opened in 1893, West Bank & Trust was established by
5 T. M. West, the city's founder, who began holding money and other
6 valuables for customers in the safe of his general store; over the
7 years, the bank gained such a reputation for conservative, honest
8 banking that customers dubbed it "Old Reliable"; and

9 WHEREAS, On August 1, 1920, a group of West citizens
10 purchased the bank's assets, and in April 1921 the owners received a
11 charter for the West State Bank; on January 9, 1934, the bank was
12 granted a national charter and was renamed the West National Bank;
13 then, in 1963, the institution became a state bank again and adopted
14 its current name, West Bank & Trust; and

15 WHEREAS, This independently owned banking concern was ably
16 led by Grady H. Langford, Jr., from 1968 to 1993; since then,
17 current president Charles J. Nemec has controlled operations,
18 continuing the bank's tradition of excellence; and

19 WHEREAS, West Bank & Trust has been a constant friend and
20 supporter of the West Chamber of Commerce, with four bank employees
21 serving as president of the chamber; they are Daniel "Zero" Svrcek,
22 Charles J. Nemec, Darrin Banik, and David W. Nemec; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than a century, West Bank & Trust has
24 epitomized the highest standards of business practice and earned a

1 well-deserved reputation for courteous, dependable, and trusted
2 service; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate West Bank &
5 Trust on its selection by the West Chamber of Commerce as the 2003
6 Business of the Year and extend best wishes for continued success to
7 all those associated with this venerable financial institution;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for prominent display at West Bank & Trust as an expression
11 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.