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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Roy Orr, a longtime public official, founded GRS in  
2 order to assist corporate clients seeking to do business with  
3 government entities, and GRS is celebrating its 20th anniversary in  
4 2003; and

5           WHEREAS, The only national firm devoted to helping companies  
6 navigate the bureaucratic process, GRS provides a wide array of  
7 specialized services; these range from bringing clients together  
8 with the appropriate officials to explaining the political dynamics  
9 at work, assisting in making effective presentations, maximizing a  
10 firm's impact at trade shows and conferences, developing a  
11 marketing plan, and training sales teams; and

12           WHEREAS, During a 30-year political career, Mr. Orr has held  
13 both elected and appointed positions and acquired government  
14 experience at the local, state, and national levels; among the  
15 offices he has held are those of Dallas County commissioner, mayor  
16 of DeSoto, president of the DeSoto school board, president of the  
17 National Association of Counties, president of the executive board  
18 of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and chairman of  
19 the Regional Transportation Council for the Dallas-Fort Worth area;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, He has served on numerous state boards and  
22 commissions at the behest of both Republican and Democratic  
23 governors; a former member of the Texas Commission on Jail  
24 Standards and the Texas Aeronautics Commission, he has also chaired

1 the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas County and District  
2 Retirement System Board, and Texas State Property Tax Board; and

3 WHEREAS, Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan appointed  
4 Mr. Orr to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations  
5 and the President's Advisory Committee on Federalism,  
6 respectively; and

7 WHEREAS, The recipient of many well-deserved accolades, this  
8 distinguished Texan has been named Headliner of the Year by the  
9 Dallas Press Club, Man of the Year by the Dallas County NAACP, Oak  
10 Cliff Man of the Year, and Outstanding Man of the Year by the DeSoto  
11 Chamber of Commerce; a boulevard in Grand Prairie and a trail and  
12 park in DeSoto have all been named in his honor; and

13 WHEREAS, For three decades, Roy Orr has given unstintingly of  
14 his talents and energies to government service, and he is drawing on  
15 his own broad experience as a public official to help guide business  
16 people through the unique challenges of the government marketplace;  
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Roy Orr for his  
20 manifold contributions in public service and extend warm  
21 congratulations as GRS marks its 20th anniversary; and, be it  
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Mr. Orr as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
25 House of Representatives.