

By: Quintanilla

H.R. No. 241

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, R. L. "Bobby" Bowling IV of El Paso has been named
2 president of the Texas Association of Builders (TAB) for 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, A third-generation homebuilder in El Paso, Mr.
4 Bowling follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, R. L. Bowling,
5 Jr., who began building homes in the city in 1950, and his father,
6 R. L. Bowling III, who started in the business in 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, Bobby Bowling and his brothers, Randy and
8 Greg, operate Tropicana Homes, a company that specializes in
9 "starter" homes but that also builds "move-up," semi-custom, and
10 custom homes; each year, the firm constructs approximately 200
11 units; and

12 WHEREAS, Tropicana works with many different government
13 programs in order to obtain subsidy and down payment assistance for
14 its buyers; over the past decade, the company has worked with the
15 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the Housing
16 Authority and Community Development Department of the City of El
17 Paso, and several local nonprofit housing providers; and

18 WHEREAS, A licensed real estate broker and licensed mortgage
19 broker, Mr. Bowling is currently president of Tropicana Building
20 Corp., president of Tropicana Homes Realty, and vice president of
21 Patriot Mortgage Company; and

22 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan received a B.B.A. in real
23 estate and urban land development from The University of Texas at
24 Austin in 1992; he has served on the board of directors of the El

1 Paso Association of Builders (EPAB) since 1993 and as a state
2 director of the TAB since 1994, and he has been active in a number of
3 committees within each organization; the youngest individual to
4 ever serve as president of EPAB, he was named Builder of the Year in
5 1997; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowling has given generously of his time and
7 efforts to the community, serving on several Mayor's Advisory
8 Councils regarding housing and development issues and as a football
9 coach for his son's Little League football team; he and his wife,
10 Joanne, are the proud parents of four children, Sarah, Dalton,
11 Lindsey, and Jamie, and are valued members of St. Matthews Catholic
12 Church; and

13 WHEREAS, By bringing home ownership within the reach of many
14 first-time buyers, Bobby Bowling is helping to strengthen the
15 social fabric of El Paso, and through his many contributions to
16 trade and civic organizations, he is rendering outstanding service
17 to his industry and to his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate R. L. "Bobby"
20 Bowling IV on being named president of the Texas Association of
21 Builders for 2004 and extend to him sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

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