

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Jerry M. Hilton of Midland has been chosen to
2 receive the 2003 John Foster Humanitarian Award, presented by the
3 Muscular Dystrophy Association--Midland; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 2002 and named for a longtime Midland
5 broadcast executive and devoted civic volunteer, the award
6 recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to the
7 people of the Permian Basin; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Hilton moved to Midland in 1993 to become senior
9 pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and over the past decade he has
10 immersed himself in the life of this community and shared his
11 talents and vision with many vital civic organizations; among the
12 groups to which he has given untold hours are Midland's Child
13 Victimization Task Force, Hospice of Midland, the Midland
14 Ministerial Alliance, the United Way, and the Rotary Club; and

15 WHEREAS, A valued leader within his church, he has rendered
16 significant service to the Tres Rios, Missouri Union, and Cimarron
17 presbyteries and to the boards of trustees of Schreiner College and
18 the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hilton is a professional member of the American
20 Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, the American
21 Association of Christian Counselors, and the Tres Rios Presbytery;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This distinguished citizen graduated from Crane
24 High School in Crane, Missouri, in 1957 and from Missouri Valley

1 College in 1961; three years later he earned a master of divinity
2 degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, and in 1982 he received
3 his doctorate in ministry from the University of Dubuque
4 Theological Seminary; and

5 WHEREAS, Beginning his ministry in 1964, Dr. Hilton spent the
6 first part of his career pastoring churches in Oklahoma and then
7 Missouri; he returned to Oklahoma in 1985 to accept the position of
8 senior pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Enid, and he served
9 that church for eight years before answering the call of First
10 Presbyterian in Midland; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Hilton and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents
12 of two daughters, Carla and Carolyn; in his leisure time, he finds
13 relaxation in fly fishing, camping, and sports, as well as reading
14 and music; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his commitment to constructive action and
16 his skillful, energetic leadership, Dr. Hilton has contributed
17 immeasurably to the welfare of his community, and he continues to be
18 a source of strength and inspiration for all who know him; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Dr. Jerry M. Hilton
22 on the occasion of his receipt of the 2003 John Foster Humanitarian
23 Award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association--Midland and extend
24 to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his
25 endeavors; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Dr. Hilton as an expression of high regard by the Texas

H.R. No. 282

1 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 282 was adopted by the House on
October 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House