

By: Craddick

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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

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1 House of Representatives.