

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Roy Orr on the occasion of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Governmental Relations Specialists; and

WHEREAS, A longtime consultant in governmental relations, Roy Orr founded his company, Governmental Relations Specialists, in 1983; GRS is the only national firm devoted to helping commercial enterprises do business with government; the firm offers a broad array of services designed to make the governmental marketing efforts of businesses more successful; and

WHEREAS, Over a 30-year political career, Roy Orr has held numerous governmental positions; his extensive experience has included serving on state boards and commissions under Texas Governors George Bush, Ann Richards, Mark White, Bill Clements, and Dolph Briscoe; notably, he served as chairman of the Texas State Property Tax Board, as a member of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and as chairman of the Texas County and District Retirement System Board; and

WHEREAS, At the national level, he served on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Board during the administration of President Jimmy Carter and on the President's Advisory Committee on Federalism during the administration of President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Roy Orr has been active in local government, serving for one year as mayor of DeSoto and for six years as president of the DeSoto School Board; he was also a Dallas county commissioner for 10 years; during his service as county commissioner, he held a number of offices with the National Association of Counties, including board member, first and second vice president, and president; and

WHEREAS, For his many achievements, Mr. Orr has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Headliner of the Year Award in 1982 from the Dallas Press Club; he was named the Oak Cliff Man of the Year in 1976, and the Roy Orr Park in DeSoto was named in his honor in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Roy Orr has played a major role in the betterment of his community, his state, and his nation, and his accomplishments reflect his dedication to the public welfare and to his fellowman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Roy Orr on his exceptional achievements and extend best wishes to him for the future and for an enjoyable 20th anniversary celebration for Governmental Relations Specialists; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 18, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate