

By: Nixon

H.C.R. No. 4

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, John McDivitt of Houston is retiring from the
2 American Red Cross on June 30, 2004, completing a distinguished
3 38-year tenure with that esteemed organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. McDivitt began his career with the Red Cross in
5 Iowa in 1966 as a safety program representative in the Midwestern
6 Area; for the past 20 years he has served as chief executive officer
7 of the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross, and during
8 his two-decade tenure the chapter has doubled in size and expanded
9 from six to 14 branches; and

10 WHEREAS, A graduate of Southwest Oklahoma State College, this
11 civic-minded individual has previously officiated as executive
12 director of the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter in New York and as
13 manager of the Central Illinois Chapter in Peoria; he has also been
14 affiliated with chapters in Missouri, Wisconsin, and Minnesota; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McDivitt has aided thousands of American
16 families during his illustrious career, providing food, shelter,
17 and other necessities in the aftermath of an array of natural
18 disasters, including Tropical Storm Allison; following the
19 tragedies of September 11, 2001, he devoted six months to working at
20 the American Red Cross National Headquarters, devising disaster
21 response and preparedness strategies in his role as executive vice
22 president of disaster; and

23 WHEREAS, This commendable gentleman has lent his time and
24 talents to a host of other worthwhile endeavors, including the ARC

1 Retirement System, the Texas Gulf Coast United Way, the Rotary Club
2 of Houston, and Associated Catholic Charities; he and his wife,
3 Mary, enjoy a loving family that includes three children and six
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Whether raising much-needed funds, training an army
6 of volunteers, or providing care and assistance to those in need,
7 John McDivitt has had a profound impact on the lives of countless
8 individuals; he is a man of extraordinary dedication and
9 commitment, and his legacy as a visionary leader of the American Red
10 Cross will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
12 4th Called Session, hereby honor John McDivitt on the occasion of
13 his retirement from the American Red Cross and extend to him warmest
14 best wishes for continued success and happiness as he begins the
15 next chapter of his life; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. McDivitt as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.