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H.R. No. 87

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce named Tradition
2 Bank as its 2003 Business of the Year in recognition of its
3 outstanding service to the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Originally founded as Alief Alamo Bank in 1980 by
5 the Vickery family, the bank was opened in 1999 as Tradition Bank,
6 with Downy Vickery as its president; one of six area banking
7 institutions owned by the Vickery family, Tradition Bank may be
8 counted as one of a shrinking number of locally owned and operated
9 financial institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, Since opening its doors, Tradition Bank has been an
11 outstanding corporate citizen, participating in and supporting
12 countless community programs and projects; the bank is a major
13 benefactor of a number of important local organizations, including
14 the Katy YMCA and the Lions Club eye bank program, which raises
15 thousands of dollars for eyeglasses for underprivileged children;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to serving on the boards of directors of
18 both the local YMCA and the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, the
19 company's staff has generously volunteered its time and energy to
20 programs sponsored by the Katy Independent School District,
21 including its Partners in Education initiative; Tradition Bank was
22 also one of the first businesses in the city to recognize the
23 importance of developing and launching the new Katy Area Economic
24 Development Council; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition, this public-minded institution
2 routinely makes its facilities available to community service
3 organizations, allowing civic groups to use its board room for
4 their meetings and offering its marquee sign to promote area
5 events; it has become a tradition for Katy residents to check the
6 Tradition Bank sign for announcements of local activities and for
7 information about good deeds recently performed for the community;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Tradition Bank has
10 demonstrated a deep commitment to the community it serves, and its
11 efforts have earned it not only this prestigious chamber award but
12 also the respect, admiration, and gratitude of Katy residents; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Tradition
16 Bank on its selection by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce as the
17 2003 Business of the Year and extend to all those individuals
18 associated with the bank best wishes for continued success; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Tradition Bank as an expression of the sentiment of the
22 Texas House of Representatives.