

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime Irving resident and successful businessman
2 J. Ralph Ellis, Jr., has significantly contributed to the
3 betterment of his community; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of North Dallas High School and 42-year
5 resident of Irving, Mr. Ellis earned his bachelor of science degree
6 and master of science degree in petroleum engineering from Texas
7 A&M University; from 1961 to 1978, he worked for Texas Oil and Gas
8 Corporation, serving as executive vice president and director;
9 currently, he serves as chairman and president of Belmont Oil and
10 Gas Corporation, president of Belmont Foundation, and president of
11 Cathage Royalty Company; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his career, which includes service
13 with a variety of oil industry associations, Mr. Ellis has played a
14 vital role in his community with involvement in a number of civic
15 and charitable boards; a member of the board of trustees of the
16 University of Dallas and the Irving Symphony, he is also on the
17 Irving Schools Foundation Board and a member of the Dallas
18 Petroleum Club, the Texas A&M Lettermen's Association, which he
19 served as president in 1993, and the Irving Healthcare System,
20 where he was chairman from 1989 to 1990; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis and his beloved wife, Joy, with whom he has
22 shared 47 years of marriage, have made generous donations to the
23 Salvation Army, Irving Cares, Irving Mammogram Foundation, YMCA,
24 Irving Healthcare System Foundation, Irving Family Youth and

1 Counseling, The North Hills School, Terry Fox Run, and Crossroads
2 Interfaith; and

3 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to helping students further their
4 education, they have also endowed several scholarships at Texas A&M
5 University and Southern Methodist University as well as a
6 scholarship program for graduates from the Irving Independent
7 School District; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis has made many contributions to the
9 well-being of his fellow citizens, and his legacy of good works will
10 have a positive influence for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor J. Ralph Ellis, Jr.,
13 for his service to the Irving community and the State of Texas and
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
15 happiness; and, be it further

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

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 107

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 107 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House