By: Farrar H.R. No. 13

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tejas Office Products, Inc., a Houston-based distributor, marked its 40th anniversary on November 8, 2002, and this noteworthy occasion is truly deserving of special legislative recognition; and

WHEREAS, Since 1962, Lupe Fraga has built Tejas Office Products into a thriving business focused on innovation and superior customer service; with more than 50 employees and \$12 million in annual sales, this family-owned business is today one of the largest independent office supply distributors in the Houston metropolitan area; as a result of its steady expansion, the company has recently opened a branch in the North Texas city of Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Keenly attuned to the importance of technology, Tejas Office Products has made intensive and highly successful use of the Internet; its e-commerce capability has not only simplified ordering for its customers in Texas and across the United States but also led to several sales abroad; and

WHEREAS, Driving the company's robust growth is the vast volume of business it conducts in the greater Houston area; by consistently rendering exceptional service, Tejas Office Products has established strong relationships with Shell Oil Company, Methodist Hospital, and Reliant Energy; the firm also serves as the primary supplier to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and to United Space Alliance, the chief contractor for

- 1 NASA's space shuttle program; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Widely recognized for its creativity and commitment
- 3 to quality, Tejas Office Products has been featured in the Houston
- 4 Business Journal and Hispanic Business magazine, as well as in the
- 5 series Small Business School 2000, which was broadcast on PBS;
- 6 moreover, it has been named Supplier of the Year 2000 by United
- 7 Space Alliance and MWBE (Minority and Women Business Enterprise)
- 8 Supplier of the Year for 2002 by Shell Oil; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Over the course of four decades, Tejas Office
- 10 Products has contributed to the operation of numerous Houston
- 11 companies and institutions while exemplifying the highest
- 12 standards of business practice, and the resounding success of this
- 13 locally owned firm is indeed richly deserved; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 15 Legislature hereby congratulate Lupe Fraga and all those associated
- 16 with Tejas Office Products, Inc., on the company's 40th anniversary
- 17 and extend to all of them sincere best wishes for continued growth
- and prosperity; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for Tejas Office Products, Inc., as an expression of high
- 21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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