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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to honor
Jim Biggerstaff for his many contributions to the quality of life in
his Plano community; and

WHEREAS, A resident of that North Texas city for four decades, this highly regarded businessman and civic leader has devoted half a century to the florist profession, the majority as owner and operator of Biggerstaff Flowers, a successful business he recently closed in order to focus on his health; and

9 WHEREAS, Known for the creativity and imagination reflected 10 in his floral creations, Mr. Biggerstaff takes pride in the care and 11 personal touch he provided his customers; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Biggerstaff's deep dedication to his community 13 leads him to give of his time and talents to many worthy endeavors, 14 including the Collin County Community College Board of Trustees and Plano's Transition and Revitalization Commission; in 1995, he was 15 appointed by Mayor John Longstreet to head the East Plano Task 16 Force, which developed a number of major proposals, including one 17 18 for the city's vital research and technology district; his volunteerism also has benefited many additional organizations, 19 including the Crisis Center of Collin County, the Plano Chamber of 20 21 Commerce, and the Plano Economic Development Board; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership and commitment to 23 his fellow Texans, he was named Plano Citizen of the Year in 1999, 24 and Mayor Pat Evans proclaimed July 22-27, 2002, as "Jim

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Biggerstaff Week"; also in 2002, the city council announced plans for a new city plaza to be named for Mr. Biggerstaff and located at the site of his original Plano flower shop; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Jim Biggerstaff has exemplified the virtues of dedication, integrity, and compassion as a businessman and civic leader, and he serves as a source of inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 9 Legislature hereby commend Jim Biggerstaff for his exemplary 10 contributions to his fellow citizens and extend to him sincere best 11 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 13 prepared for Mr. Biggerstaff as an expression of high regard by the 14 Texas House of Representatives.

> Madden McCall

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 20 was adopted by the House on January 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House