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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On this day, February 17, 2003, the colleagues of the Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., wish to commemorate his birthday by recognizing him for his myriad contributions to the people of the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished member of this chamber since the 69th Legislative Session, Representative Dutton is in the midst of his 10th session, and through the years he has contributed skilled leadership as vice chair of the committees on public education, urban affairs, the judiciary, and business and commerce and as chairman of budget and oversight of the committee on energy; and

WHEREAS, His legislative accomplishments are numerous and include his sponsorship of Texas' first statutory program to assist women— and minority—owned businesses; Representative Dutton has also led initiatives to enhance public education, and he has created incentives to reduce the problems of insurance availability and affordability in underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, During this session, the citizens of Texas will benefit from Representative Dutton's commitment through his work as chairman of the House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues and his membership on the House Committees on Public Education and General Investigating, and the steering committee of the House Research Organization; and

WHEREAS, A native of Houston's Fifth Ward, this respected attorney is in private practice in Houston, where he specializes in

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- 1 civil rights and employment law; an adjunct professor at his alma
- 2 mater, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, he has also served as
- 3 executive director of the Julia C. Hester House and has held
- 4 management positions with Conoco, Inc., and Four Star Broadcasting
- 5 over the course of his career; and
- 6 WHEREAS, On his birthday and every day, Harold Dutton
- 7 continues to demonstrate his devotion to moving this state forward,
- 8 and we are all the better for his efforts; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Harold V. Dutton,
- 11 Jr., on the joyous occasion of his birthday and extend to him
- 12 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for Representative Dutton as an expression of high regard
- 16 by his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 248 was adopted by the House on February 17, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House