

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 277

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe Don Denton of Dallas is most deserving of
2 special recognition for his myriad contributions to the community
3 as a banker, lawyer, and civic-minded citizen; and

4 WHEREAS, Answering his country's call to arms during World
5 War II, Mr. Denton joined the United States Air Force and served
6 this nation with utmost valor as a crewman, flight engineer, and
7 pilot; a veteran of the European and Caribbean theaters of
8 operation, he was chosen in 1944 to become a member of the first jet
9 propelled fighter group and test flew the first Air Force jet
10 aircraft at Muroc Flight Test Base; and

11 WHEREAS, In pursuit of his higher education, Mr. Denton
12 attended Hillsboro College and Oklahoma State University before
13 graduating from Baylor University School of Law with a bachelor of
14 laws degree in 1953, and he later attained his juris doctorate from
15 that institution in 1969; and

16 WHEREAS, In March 1961, Mr. Denton launched a noteworthy
17 career with Oak Cliff Bank & Trust Company, one in which he advanced
18 from the post of trust officer to that of president and chief
19 executive officer in just 15 years; elected chairman of the board
20 and chief executive officer of RepublicBank Oak Cliff in 1979, he
21 was named regional chairman of the corporation in 1986 and district
22 director the following year, in which capacity he distinguished
23 himself until his retirement in December 1989; and

24 WHEREAS, Currently practicing law in Dallas, Mr. Denton is an

1 esteemed member of numerous professional organizations, including
2 the Texas Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Dallas
3 Estate Council, the Texas Bankers Association, and the American
4 Bankers Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Joe Don Denton has enriched
6 the lives of many Dallas-area citizens through his extensive
7 community involvement; a former director and president of the Oak
8 Cliff Chamber of Commerce, he has generously shared his dedication
9 and expertise on the board of trustees for Communities Foundation
10 of Texas, Inc., the Salvation Army, the Southwestern Medical
11 Foundation, the Dallas Museum of Art, and the Dallas Zoological
12 Society; Mr. Denton has also worked for the betterment of his
13 community on the boards of Methodist Hospitals of Dallas, Dental
14 Health Programs, Inc., and the Dallas/Ft. Worth Regional Airport;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has even benefited others
17 through his passion for golf; a former director of the Texas Golf
18 Association, he has contributed his time and talents to the North
19 Texas Professional Golfers Association and the Tournament Players
20 Division of the Professional Golfers Association; moreover, he has
21 served as director of the World Golf Hall of Fame, founding chairman
22 of the Murata Seniors Reunion Golf Tournament, treasurer of the
23 Senior PGA Tour Sponsors Association, and member of the Senior PGA
24 Tour Advisory Board; and

25 WHEREAS, Joe Don Denton has made a significant difference in
26 the lives of his fellow citizens through his professional
27 contributions and tireless volunteerism, and it is indeed a

1 pleasure to commend this respected Texan for his longstanding
2 efforts in behalf of others; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Joe Don Denton for his admirable record of
5 service to the Dallas community and extend to him sincere best
6 wishes for happiness and success in all his future endeavors; and,
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Denton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.