

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 70th birthday is truly a cause for celebration,
2 and on February 23, 2003, Philip Logan Stephenson of Wichita Falls
3 is marking this significant milestone in the company of family and
4 friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Born February 25, 1933, this accomplished gentleman
6 was raised by loving parents in Alva, Oklahoma, and graduated from
7 Alva High School in 1951; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson received a bachelor's degree from the
9 University of Oklahoma, where he served as president of the Alpha
10 Tau Omega fraternity; he went on to earn his M.D. from the
11 University of Oklahoma Medical School, following in his
12 grandfather's and father's footsteps to become a third-generation
13 physician; and

14 WHEREAS, An internship at St. Joseph's Hospital brought him
15 to Denver, Colorado, where he met the love of his life, Chrystelle;
16 the couple have shared a long and happy union that has been blessed
17 with four children, Paul, Pam, Barry, and Scott Stephenson, 21
18 grandchildren, and two miniature German schnauzers; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1963, Dr. Stephenson and his family made a new
20 home in Wichita Falls; following a two-year stint as a physician at
21 Sheppard Air Force Base Regional Hospital, he practiced general
22 surgery for the Medical and Surgical Clinic until 1976, when he
23 opened a private practice, from which he retired in 1997; he went on
24 to serve as vice president and medical director of United Regional
25 Health Care Center before retiring yet again in 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson is trusted and admired by thousands
2 of people, not only in Wichita Falls, where he was chief of surgery
3 at one local hospital for a time and had privileges at both, but
4 also in the small towns of Henrietta, Texas, and Waurika, Oklahoma,
5 where his fondness for small towns like that of his birth led him to
6 obtain staff privileges at both of the communities' hospitals; and

7 WHEREAS, Active in a number of professional and civic
8 organizations, this esteemed gentleman served as president of the
9 Wichita County Medical Society, is a member and former president of
10 the Rotary Club, and is a Paul Harris Fellow, not to mention a
11 longtime blood donor for the American Red Cross; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephenson, whose striking resemblance to Mr.
13 Clean does not go unnoticed, is also an avid Sooner supporter;
14 witnesses who saw him sew up a cut on his own leg can attest that he
15 even bleeds OU crimson red; and

16 WHEREAS, With seven decades of wonderful memories, a loving
17 family, and many close friends, Dr. Stephenson can indeed reflect
18 with pride on a life well spent as he enjoys his much-deserved
19 retirement; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Philip Logan Stephenson on the
22 occasion of his 70th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
23 for continued happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Dr. Stephenson as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 389

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 389 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House