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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

1 Health Care Center before retiring yet again in 2001; and

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

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

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

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

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

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