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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A 71st birthday is truly cause for a celebration,  
2 and on May 1, 2003, Raymond Cooper of Wylie is marking just such an  
3 occasion in his life; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Garland, Mr. Cooper grew up in a close-knit  
5 family with 11 older siblings; this successful entrepreneur founded  
6 Universal Transformer Company in 1957 and is widely admired for his  
7 achievements as a businessman and as a community leader in his home  
8 of 30 years, Wylie; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper has long contributed his time, energy,  
10 and resources to the betterment of his community; he funded the  
11 first college scholarship awarded to a student in the Community  
12 Independent School District, and he also donated a field and  
13 concession stand for the city's first ballpark; and

14           WHEREAS, His service has greatly benefited the Collin County  
15 Hospital Board, the North Texas Municipal Water District Board, the  
16 Wylie Economic Development Board, the Downtown Merchants  
17 Association, the Wylie Lions Club, and the Wylie Chamber of  
18 Commerce; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper is an active supporter of the Wylie FFA  
20 Club, the Women's League, and the Smith Public Library, and, over  
21 the course of the past decade, this esteemed gentleman has played a  
22 pivotal role in the development of the Wylie Christian Care Center,  
23 which assists thousands of people each year; not only did Mr. Cooper  
24 donate the land for the facility and help to coordinate its

1 volunteers, but he also participates in fund-raising efforts each  
2 year in an effort to establish a permanent endowment fund for the  
3 center; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many good works, Mr. Cooper  
5 has been honored in the past as one of the most influential citizens  
6 of Collin County as well as Citizen of the Year by the Wylie Chamber  
7 of Commerce, and his 70th birthday was proclaimed Raymond Cooper  
8 Day in Wylie; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Cooper enjoys the love and  
10 support of his devoted wife of 50 years, Sue, and their children,  
11 Jan Morgan and Chris and Mark Cooper; and

12 WHEREAS, Raymond Cooper continually demonstrates a selfless  
13 commitment to his fellowman, and his birthday provides a fitting  
14 opportunity to recognize him for the positive impact he has had on  
15 the countless individuals whose lives he has touched; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Raymond Cooper on the occasion of  
19 his 71st birthday and commend him for his outstanding leadership in  
20 behalf of the citizens of Wylie; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Cooper as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.