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H.R. No. 635

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Through his many years in public office and numerous
2 community posts, the Honorable Dudley Harrison of Terrell County
3 has forged an exceptional record of public service; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Terrell County, Mr. Harrison
5 was born into a pioneer ranching family and has carried on its
6 ranching tradition for more than half a century; for a number of
7 decades he also owned a Texaco station and Ford/Mercury dealership
8 in the county seat of Sanderson; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1982, with a long history of community
10 involvement to his credit, he campaigned successfully for a seat in
11 the Texas House of Representatives, winning the first of four
12 consecutive terms; while in the legislature, Mr. Harrison gained
13 recognition as the house expert on water rights and chaired for two
14 terms the Agriculture and Livestock Committee; he also served on
15 the County Affairs, State Affairs, and Appropriations committees,
16 the Task Force for Tort Law Reform, and the Governor's Task Force on
17 Waste Management for the State of Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, From 1992 through 2002, this distinguished Texan
19 served as county judge of Terrell County; determined to help his
20 area develop the foundation for a new, 21st-century economy, he was
21 instrumental in advancing a number of significant projects,
22 including a major regional workshop on nature tourism and
23 renovation to Sanderson's infrastructure; convinced that rural
24 communities need to enter the digital age, he also played a crucial

1 role in securing a substantial grant to bring high-speed Internet
2 access to the county seat; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Harrison has held leadership
4 positions with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Council, Rural
5 Communities, Inc., West Texas Centers for MHMR, Chihuahuan Desert
6 Research Institute, Rio Grande-Pecos River Soil and Water
7 Conservation District, and Big Bend Park and Rio Grande Wild and
8 Scenic River Planning Group; moreover, he is a lifetime director of
9 the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, a former director of
10 the Sanderson State Bank, and an elder at the First Presbyterian
11 Church of Sanderson; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison and his wife of more than 50 years, the
13 former Doris Cooke, have proudly watched their family grow to
14 include four children, seven grandchildren, and one
15 great-grandchild; and

16 WHEREAS, Dudley Harrison has devoted a lifetime to building a
17 brighter future for the people of Texas, and his tireless efforts
18 and unwavering integrity have earned him the deep affection and
19 appreciation of countless fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Dudley Harrison for his
22 exemplary public service and extend to him sincere gratitude for
23 his years of dedicated civic leadership; and, be it further

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