

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Judge Jack Pope is marking a special milestone in
2 his life as he celebrates his 90th birthday; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge Pope continues to devote himself to a life of
4 dedicated service to his family, his friends, and the entire State
5 of Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Pope has been a proud Texan his entire life
7 beginning with his birth in Abilene on April 18, 1913, as the son of
8 Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Pope; he earned a bachelor of arts degree at
9 Abilene Christian University in 1934 and then received a law degree
10 from The University of Texas in 1937; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Pope began his career as an attorney before
12 serving two years in the United States Navy during World War II; he
13 became the judge of the 94th District Court in Corpus Christi at the
14 age of 33, the youngest district court judge in Texas at the time;
15 he later was elected to serve as justice of the Court of Civil
16 Appeals in San Antonio; in 1964 he was elected to the Texas Supreme
17 Court and was appointed in 1982 by Governor William P. Clements,
18 Jr., as the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, an office that
19 he held for three years before retiring in 1985--serving a total of
20 28 years on the bench; and

21 WHEREAS, He has written more than 1,000 judicial opinions,
22 and his efforts to simplify the process of submitting a case to the
23 jury have been widely applauded; his opinions regarding water,
24 property, and tort law stabilized many parts of the Texas law; in a

1 classic opinion written in the 1950s, he traced Texas water rights
2 back to Spain--earning him the name by some as the "Father of Texas'
3 Water Rights"; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Pope has continuously served his alma
5 mater, Abilene Christian University, as a distinguished member of
6 the board of trustees beginning in 1954 and as a senior board member
7 beginning in 1983; and

8 WHEREAS, He received the highest honor his alma mater bestows
9 in 1964 when he was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year at Abilene
10 Christian University; and

11 WHEREAS, He was honored by his colleagues and countless
12 friends upon his retirement from the Texas Supreme Court with the
13 establishment of an endowment fund at Abilene Christian University
14 whereby young men and women complete a public service program as
15 Jack Pope Fellows in order to serve throughout the world; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Jack Pope has been able to engage in a lifetime
17 of distinguished public service due to the support and
18 encouragement from his loving wife, Allene, during a happy 64-year
19 marriage; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th
21 Legislature of the State of Texas honor Judge Jack Pope for his
22 lifetime of service to the State of Texas on the celebration of his
23 90th birthday; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Judge Pope, his wife, and his children--A. J. and
3 Allen--as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
4 Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 681 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House