

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Douglas A. Newton has long been a treasured
2 neighbor, public servant, and West Texas civic leader, and he truly
3 merits recognition at this time; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Del Rio on October 7, 1905, Mr. Newton was
5 the city's first mail carrier and later attended The University of
6 Texas at Austin, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business
7 administration; an excellent all-around athlete, he won over 20
8 sports trophies while in college and was a junior welterweight
9 champion boxer; and

10 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression he worked as a
11 schoolteacher in Langtry and Del Rio and also began his study of
12 law; after passing the bar exam, he entered private practice but was
13 called to public service when he was appointed county attorney of
14 Val Verde County in 1936; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Newton went on to serve with distinction as
16 district attorney for Val Verde, Maverick, Kinney, Sutton, and
17 Terrell counties for a quarter-century (always obtaining 100
18 percent of the vote from his friends in Langtry); also a successful
19 entrepreneur, he exhibited exceptional business acumen as owner of
20 such diverse enterprises as a real estate investment firm, an
21 insurance agency, a taxi company, and the Royal Crown Cola Bottling
22 Company; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed individual has donated his time and
24 energy to a host of worthy organizations, including the Del Rio

1 Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the Elks Club; he has also shared
2 his love of sports with his fellow citizens and competed in senior
3 golf tournaments until the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout the course of his long and productive
5 life, Mr. Newton has sought to be a positive force for those around
6 him, and it is indeed appropriate that he be honored for his
7 accomplishments in this regard; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Douglas A. Newton for his many
10 significant contributions to his community and extend to him
11 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Newton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

Gallego

H.R. No. 740

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 740 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House