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H.R. No. 740

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.