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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, One of the state's most outrageous political consultants recently stumbled into his sixth decade, a feat that is all the more remarkable given his unrepentant ways and means, which most people assumed would at the very least have landed him in the pokey by now; and

WHEREAS, Born April 18, 1953, to somewhat proud parents Dorothy Nell and Billy Ray Pewitt, the no-longer-young Billy Randell Pewitt eked his way through the Fort Worth public school system and somehow convinced the powers-that-be at The University of Texas at Arlington to present him with a diploma in 1975; and

WHEREAS, With a bachelor's degree in political science in his back pocket, he wrangled a job with the comptroller's office under the legendary Bob Bullock; in 1977 he made his way into the Capitol, and it now appears that there is little chance of him ever leaving, despite the wishes of those who have had the "privilege" of working with him; and

WHEREAS, Old Man Pewitt and his lovely wife, the former Shannon Elizabeth McCann, recently celebrated their 21st anniversary; ever in search of an edge, Mr. Pewitt arranged for his nuptials to take place the day before his birthday, thereby minimizing the chances of forgetting his own anniversary; of course, at his advanced age, his memory is not what it used to be, so all bets are off from here on out; and

WHEREAS, When not scaring other people's children, Old Man Pewitt enjoys exploiting his own offspring for his personal gain or

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- 1 for the benefit of his clients; his two-year-old daughter recently
- 2 attended an appropriations hearing and, at his behest, cried out,
- 3 "Give my daddy his money back right now!"; and
- WHEREAS, During a recent visit to the Capitol, son Jack
- 5 appropriated Speaker Craddick's gavel, no doubt at the urging of
- 6 his father; eldest son Will, who served as a congressional intern in
- 7 2002, was surely an unwitting accomplice in some nefarious scheme
- 8 to infiltrate the federal government; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Famed, or infamous, for his elaborate parties, Old
- 10 Man Pewitt is indirectly responsible for countless attendees
- 11 showing up late or calling in sick on the mornings after; of course,
- 12 the host is always on time, fueled by the steady stream of Diet Coke
- 13 that he ingests on a daily basis; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Despite the inevitable loss of his mental and
- 15 physical faculties, Old Man Pewitt can take solace in the fact that
- 16 his long-suffering, beautiful trophy wife, Shannon, and his dynamic
- 17 assistant, Alison, will be on hand to look after him as he enters
- 18 his golden years, and we can all be especially thankful for this
- 19 fact because it means that we don't have to; now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 21 Legislature hereby commiserate with Billy Randell Pewitt on his
- 22 50th birthday and extend deepest sympathy to him on becoming
- 23 officially old; and, be it further
- 24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 25 presented to Old Man Pewitt to remind him that he really is 50,
- 26 despite what he tells everyone.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 912 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House