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H.R. No. 972

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, San Antonio native William R. Sinkin is celebrating
2 his 90th birthday on May 19, 2003, and this promises to be a
3 memorable and joyous occasion for the relatives and many friends
4 and colleagues of this distinguished civic leader, businessman, and
5 visionary; and

6 WHEREAS, With vigor and influence that would be the envy of a
7 Texan half his age, Mr. Sinkin continues to play a key role in the
8 economic, social, and cultural development of his community, and
9 his contributions to the Lone Star State are numerous and diverse;
10 only four short years ago, he founded a nonprofit organization,
11 Solar San Antonio, which has conducted extensive studies of the
12 value of renewable energy industries and applications in promoting
13 economic growth in South Texas, and as the organization's chairman
14 he remains actively involved in its work on a day-to-day basis; and

15 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas, this
16 accomplished businessman is chairman emeritus of the board of
17 directors for Texas Bank and has enjoyed great success with his own
18 financial consultancy, William R. Sinkin & Associates; he is a
19 former president of the Independent Bankers of Texas, which in 1984
20 selected him as the state's Independent Banker of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Sinkin is esteemed for his role as cofounder and
22 first president of HemisFair, the international exposition that San
23 Antonio hosted in 1968, and he was instrumental in the creation of
24 San Antonio Goodwill Industries, an organization he subsequently

1 led as president; a former president, as well, of Texans for Equal
2 Education, he is the recipient of such accolades as the Martin
3 Luther King, Jr., Lifetime Achievement Award, the National
4 Association of Housing Officials' Individual Community Achievement
5 Award, and the U.S. Commerce Department's National Award of
6 Excellence for Development of Minority Business; and

7 WHEREAS, This exemplary dedication to civic and charitable
8 work has been supported by his beloved wife, Fay, and the couple's
9 two sons, Larry and Richard, all of whom have realized great
10 personal and professional success of their own; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Sinkin is a truly remarkable man who continues
12 to provide exceptional leadership in the quest for a more just,
13 inclusive, and prosperous society; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate William R. Sinkin of San Antonio on
16 the occasion of his 90th birthday and warmly commend him for his
17 tireless work in behalf of his community and his state; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Sinkin as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.