

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce has selected
2 John Becker as the 2003 Citizen of the Year, in tribute to his
3 outstanding service to his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in New Orleans, Mr. Becker was raised in
5 Louisiana, New York, and Puerto Rico and spent much of his childhood
6 traveling the seas with his family aboard passenger ships and
7 freighters; he served with valor during World War II, relinquishing
8 his ambition to become a military pilot in order to apply his
9 extensive experience with ships and ship engines as a member of the
10 emergency rescue boat squadron of the United States Army; and

11 WHEREAS, After receiving his honorable discharge from the
12 service in 1946, Mr. Becker returned to New Orleans and became chief
13 engineer for a geological survey ship in the Gulf of Mexico; Humble
14 Oil Company, now known as the Exxon Mobil Corporation, subsequently
15 bought the ship and promoted him to captain, a post he would hold
16 for seven years; a professional of the highest caliber, Mr. Becker
17 earned the respect and admiration of all those who had the privilege
18 of working with him throughout his impressive career; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1965 he exchanged wedding vows with the former
20 Martha Stroud, a beloved member of the Lindale community, whose
21 affection for her hometown encouraged her husband to move there
22 after his retirement in 1981; since his arrival, Mr. Becker has
23 given generously of his time, expertise, and resources to support
24 the town's library and many other worthy civic undertakings; today

1 he holds the office of historian for the Lindale Area Chamber of
2 Commerce, and his work in behalf of others has made him a treasured
3 and highly revered member of that Smith County community; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate John Becker on his designation as
7 the 2003 Lindale Citizen of the Year and extend to him warmest best
8 wishes for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors;
9 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1108

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1108 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House