

By: Pickett

H.R. No. 1231

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John F. Cook, El Paso city councilman for District  
2 4, was elected to his third term in office on May 3, 2003; and

3           WHEREAS, This longtime El Paso resident graduated from  
4 Immaculate High School in 1964 and that same year co-founded the  
5 first Boy Scout troop in the United States to serve the needs of  
6 children with mental retardation; three years later, he answered  
7 his nation's call to arms and joined the United States Army, serving  
8 with distinction as a counter-intelligence agent and special  
9 military intelligence agent during the Vietnam War and earning the  
10 Vietnam Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the  
11 National Defense Service Medal; and

12           WHEREAS, On his return to civilian life, Mr. Cook continued  
13 to pursue a career in telecommunications, working for such  
14 companies as Western Electric, Mountain States Telephone, and  
15 Southwestern Bell; in 1977 he earned a business degree from The  
16 University of Texas at El Paso, and in the quarter-century that has  
17 followed he has built several Northeast El Paso businesses, proudly  
18 served as an El Paso I.S.D. teacher, and worked as a management and  
19 marketing consultant; and

20           WHEREAS, Since 1999, he has worked tirelessly in behalf of  
21 the residents of El Paso as the city council representative for  
22 District 4, earning the respect of his constituents for the  
23 integrity and intelligence he brings to this public office; and

24           WHEREAS, An esteemed civic leader, Councilman Cook has

1 supported myriad civic and charitable organizations, including  
2 LULAC, the United Way, and the American Youth Soccer Organization,  
3 and currently serves as president of the El Paso Housing Finance  
4 Corporation and the El Paso Healthcare Facilities Financing  
5 Corporation; a man who has given generously of his time and  
6 resources to help those around him, he truly merits special  
7 recognition; now, therefore, be it

8         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate John F. Cook of the El Paso City  
10 Council on his recent reelection and extend to him best wishes for  
11 success and happiness in his future endeavors; and, be it further

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