

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Reporter Ed Todd has retired from the *Midland*
2 *Reporter-Telegram*, having informed and entertained readers of that
3 paper with his insightful and intelligent writing for nearly three
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Reared in East Delta, a tiny community in northeast
6 Texas, Mr. Todd began his career in journalism as a police reporter
7 with the *Galveston Tribune* before joining the staff of the *Midland*
8 *Reporter-Telegram* on December 23, 1974; his small-town upbringing
9 was reflected in his popular and long-running column, "Roustin'
10 About," which profiled individuals and events in communities
11 throughout the Permian Basin in a manner that fully engaged his
12 readers and always kept them coming back for more; and

13 WHEREAS, Able to recount human interest items with the skill
14 of a great storyteller, Mr. Todd also charted the economic and
15 social changes that have swept through the Midland area since the
16 mid-1970s, and his talents as a writer, interviewer, and researcher
17 have earned him a host of faithful readers and more than a few
18 friends along the way; and

19 WHEREAS, Although he has officially retired from the
20 *Reporter-Telegram*, Mr. Todd still intends to submit occasional
21 stories to the paper on topics of his own choosing which, he himself
22 would concede, has probably always been the case; this
23 multitalented individual is a free spirit whose diverse passions
24 include cycling and diagramming sentences, and those who have come

1 to treasure his writing are counting on his continual need for a
2 creative outlet in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Ed Todd of Midland on the occasion
5 of his formal retirement from the *Midland Reporter-Telegram* and
6 extend to him warmest best wishes for continued happiness and
7 success in his future endeavors; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Todd as an expression of high esteem by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1252

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1252 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House