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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.