

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable John Longoria has earned the gratitude
2 of countless fellow citizens for his eminent public service and
3 commitment to securing a brighter future for all Texans; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Elmendorf in 1945, Mr. Longoria graduated
5 with honors from St. Mary's University in 1967; he subsequently
6 joined the United States Army and attained the rank of captain;
7 following his honorable discharge from the service, he returned to
8 St. Mary's to attend law school, earning his J.D. in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Longoria won election to the House of
10 Representatives in 1992 and served five consecutive terms before
11 retiring at the end of the 77th Legislature; during his tenure in
12 the house he held assignments on the Corrections, County Affairs,
13 State Affairs, State Recreation Resources, and Public Health
14 committees, and his tireless efforts as he kept faith with the trust
15 invested in him won the respect and admiration of colleagues and
16 constituents alike; and

17 WHEREAS, A longtime leader in local government and civic
18 affairs, this distinguished gentleman has also served as Bexar
19 County judge and Bexar County commissioner, vice president of the
20 San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority, and chairman of the
21 Bexar County Health Facilities Development Corporation and Bexar
22 County Housing Finance Corporation; in addition, he has worked with
23 the San Antonio Task Force on Energy, the Community Action Advisory
24 Board, and the Literacy Board; and

1 WHEREAS, While shouldering the responsibilities of such
2 offices and simultaneously managing an active law practice, John
3 Longoria has further devoted countless hours to area youth; closely
4 involved with the San Antonio Children's Shelter, he has served on
5 the LEESA Bilingual Advisory Committee for the Harlandale
6 Independent School District and on the boards of the Alamo Area
7 Council of Girl Scouts, Catholic Family & Children's Services, and
8 Youth Alternatives, Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his myriad endeavors, Mr. Longoria enjoys the
10 love and support of a close-knit family; he and his wife, the former
11 Patricia Ann Walden, are the proud parents of three sons, John,
12 George, and James, and twin daughters, Lisa and Lydia; and

13 WHEREAS, The tremendous dedication, energy, and vision that
14 John Longoria has brought to his many public posts have contributed
15 immeasurably to the betterment of his community and the Lone Star
16 State, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize this esteemed Texan
17 and valued friend; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable John Longoria on his
20 exemplary public service and extend to him sincere best wishes for
21 success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. Longoria as an expression of highest regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.

Mercer	Castro
Corte	Crownover
Farrar	Homer
Jones of Bexar	Luna
Martinez Fischer	McClendon
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H.R. No. 1265

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1265 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House