

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, World-renowned actor, comedian, entertainer, and
2 humanitarian Bob Hope has brought smiles and laughter to
3 generations of fans around the world and will be celebrating his
4 100th birthday on May 29, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, England, on May
6 29, 1903, Mr. Hope moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, four
7 years later; although he held jobs as a soda jerk, shoe salesman,
8 and newspaper vendor, he was determined to pursue his dream of
9 becoming an entertainer, and took dancing lessons from
10 professionals King Rastus Brown and Johnny Root after high school;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope broke into vaudeville as a dancer partnered
13 with Mildred Rosequist and later worked with Lloyd Durbin and
14 George Byrne, but he gained his greatest success after becoming a
15 solo act; his prolific Broadway career, which began with *Sidewalks*
16 *of New York*, enabled Mr. Hope to share the stage with such other
17 greats as Ruby Keeler, Fanny Brice, Ethel Merman, and Jimmy
18 Durante; and

19 WHEREAS, In the early 1930s, Mr. Hope was introduced to
20 Dolores DeFina Reade after she had performed in a show at the Vogue
21 Club on 57th Street in New York City; the two married in February
22 1934 and have four children and four grandchildren that they
23 continue to cherish; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope has appeared innumerable times throughout

1 the great State of Texas not only in our finest entertainment
2 venues, but also in countless charitable events and activities that
3 raised millions of dollars for the benefit of others; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope was honored by Southern Methodist
5 University in Dallas with the naming of the Bob Hope Theater, which
6 continues today to feature creative artists and world-famous
7 personalities from year to year; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope has appeared in all of the major cities of
9 Texas over the years, including the city of Abilene, where he was
10 the featured entertainer in 1979 and 1980 for the Joint Venture for
11 Crippled Children, which benefited the West Texas Rehabilitation
12 Center, and also was willing to appear in taped charitable
13 promotions for a period of five years in order to assist needy
14 children and adults with free rehabilitation services; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1970 Bob Hope invited 20 Abilenians, including
16 the Honorable Bob Hunter, Abilene city councilman at the time, to be
17 his special guests at the Honor America Day Ceremonies on the
18 Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument Mall with evangelist Billy
19 Graham as the cohost; there was a great cast of performers,
20 including Andy Williams, Kate Smith, Pat Boone, Dinah Shore, Jack
21 Benny, and many others, with thousands of citizens attending from
22 throughout the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope has given legendary support to the world of
24 golf, including the great golf courses and golfing events in the
25 State of Texas, and was instrumental in creating the Bob Hope
26 Chrysler Classic pro-am golf tournament, an event that has raised
27 more than \$35 million for the Eisenhower Medical Center and other

1 deserving charities; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope will be honored through *The Bob Hope 100th*
3 *Birthday Tribute Collection* released in April with 12 DVDs
4 featuring 17 of his movies; and New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and
5 London have scheduled Bob Hope film festivals this summer; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope will be featured on the *100 years of Hope*
7 *and Humor* two-hour special by the National Broadcasting Company on
8 Sunday at 7 p.m., which drew 12.6 million viewers when it originally
9 aired on Easter Sunday of this year; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope was saluted at a Library of Congress Gala,
11 and on Sunday his daughter, Linda, and his son, Anthony, will be
12 present at a tribute aboard the U.S.S. *Intrepid* as part of the
13 Navy's Fleet Week ceremonies; and

14 WHEREAS, The exhibit *Bob Hope: American Patriot* is presently
15 on view through June 8 at the Ronald Reagan Library in California
16 and will travel to the Eisenhower, Johnson, and Ford libraries; and

17 WHEREAS, The Bob Hope Joke File is preserved to this day in a
18 climate-controlled vault in North Hollywood, California, and
19 includes more than 85,000 pages, which are a part of the Bob Hope
20 Gallery of Entertainment in Washington, D.C.; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope, more than any other person, has
22 entertained our United States military forces through the U.S.O. in
23 all parts of the world in peacetime and in battle, and in 1997
24 became the first person in the history of this nation to be named an
25 Honorary Veteran by the United States Congress; and

26 WHEREAS, The famous corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine
27 Street has been renamed "Bob Hope Square" in recognition of his

1 contributions to the motion picture industry and starring in over
2 50 films, including the massively popular *Road* pictures with Bing
3 Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, on the way to becoming Tinseltown's
4 number one box-office draw; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hope has been named one of the world's greatest
6 ambassadors of goodwill by traveling and serving in hundreds of
7 nations across our globe; and

8 WHEREAS, The extraordinary achievement of this great
9 American has won a place in our hearts that is as singular as his
10 distinctive profile, and his star continues to shine ever brighter
11 with each passing year as succeeding generations discover the
12 enduring gifts he has bestowed on us all; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Bob Hope on the momentous occasion
15 of his 100th birthday and extend to him a very sincere "thanks for
16 the memories" from his legions of fans in Texas; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Hope and his wife of 69 years, Dolores, as an
19 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Hilderbran
Hunter

Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 1548

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1548 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House