

By: Marchant

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Robert D.
2 "Bob" Hunter, is celebrating his 75th birthday on June 25, 2003, and
3 it gives the members of this chamber great pleasure to recognize him
4 in anticipation of this momentous occasion; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Abilene Christian University, where he
6 earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in business
7 administration, Dr. Hunter was awarded an honorary doctor of laws
8 degree from Pepperdine University in 1974; he also has received
9 doctorates from Texas Wesleyan College, the University of St.
10 Thomas, Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University,
11 and McMurry University; since 1956 he has served Abilene Christian
12 University in many administrative capacities, and today is the
13 greatly respected vice president emeritus of his beloved alma
14 mater; and

15 WHEREAS, He has been an active supporter of the Lone Star
16 State's institutions for higher learning throughout his career; he
17 was the executive vice president of the 40 Independent Colleges and
18 Universities of Texas from 1970 to 1980 and coordinated passage of
19 the Texas Tuition Equalization Grant program; and

20 WHEREAS, This highly respected gentleman began his tenure in
21 the Texas House of Representatives in 1986 after having served as a
22 member of the Abilene City Council and as a member of the Texas
23 Historical Commission; for five terms he held the chairmanship of
24 the House Committee on State, Federal, and International Relations,

1 during which time he represented the state to many distinguished
2 foreign dignitaries; he has also preserved and promoted the state's
3 unique heritage through history, culture, and the arts and helped
4 select the design of the new Lone Star quarter-dollar coin to be
5 released by the U.S. Mint in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, A noted civic leader, Dr. Hunter has long given
7 generously of his time and talents to benefit the members of his
8 district through his involvement with a host of worthy
9 organizations that include Rotary International Meals on Wheels
10 Plus, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the Mental Health
11 Association, and the Salvation Army; and

12 WHEREAS, He has demonstrated an unwavering concern for the
13 health and welfare of the younger citizens of the Lone Star State
14 through his service on the advisory boards of the Abilene/Taylor
15 County Child Advocacy Center and the Chisholm Trail Council of the
16 Boy Scouts of America; his love of children is a trait that he
17 happily acquired at home as a proud father and grandfather; he and
18 his lovely wife, Shirley, have three grown children and have in
19 recent years welcomed three grandchildren to the Hunter family; and

20 WHEREAS, This committed public servant has made many
21 significant contributions to the work of this chamber over the
22 course of the past 17 years, and it is indeed appropriate for his
23 colleagues and friends to take a moment to honor him for his
24 outstanding tenure; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
26 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Robert D. "Bob"
27 Hunter on the occasion of his upcoming birthday and extend to him

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1 warmest best wishes for a happy and rewarding year; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Dr. Hunter as an expression of high regard by his
5 colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.