

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 685

WHEREAS, For more than five decades, Bob Banner has helped to craft television programs that have become reference points in the landscape of American popular culture; and

WHEREAS, A native of Ennis, Mr. Banner began his career in 1948 as the floor manager on "Kukla, Fran and Ollie," while he was also pursuing a doctoral degree at Northwestern University; since that time, he has produced some of the nation's most memorable television series and events and has won respect and admiration for his vision, his dedication, and the outstanding quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, The founder of Bob Banner Associates, the oldest independent television production company in the country, Mr. Banner has produced such renowned series as "The Dinah Shore Chevy Show," "The Garry Moore Show," "Candid Camera," "The Carol Burnett Show," "Solid Gold," and "Star Search," as well as the more recent, acclaimed children's series, "Real Kids, Real Adventures"; his work also encompasses numerous specials with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Ginger Rogers, Julie Andrews, Peggy Fleming, and Perry Como, along with 12 television movies and two stage productions--*My Sweet Charlie*, with Bonnie Bedelia and Louis Gossett, Jr., and a touring show about the artist Grandma Moses, starring Cloris Leachman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banner has shared his extensive knowledge and experience with the next generation of industry leaders through academic appointments at Northwestern University, where he taught production, and Southern Methodist University, where he

has taught screenwriting and directing; in addition, he has developed a distance-learning course to teach screenwriting to students around the world, via the Internet from his Dallas home; and

WHEREAS, This entertainment giant has won a host of accolades for his achievements, including nine Emmy Awards, eight Christopher Awards, five Peabody Awards, and five Awards of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the past half century, several generations of Americans have tuned in to television programs that bear Mr. Banner's indelible stamp, and his outstanding body of work has immeasurably enriched the world of American entertainment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Bob Banner on his outstanding career in television and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Banner as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate