

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1012**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to former State Senator O. H. "Ike" Harris on the grand occasion of his 70th birthday on June 5, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Ike Harris was born in Pittsburg, Texas, and "raised on Pittsburg Hot Links"; he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and to the Texas Senate in 1967, where he served until 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Harris earned a degree in 1960 from Southern Methodist University School of Law, where he was president of the law school and student body and a member of Cycen Fjodr, a men's honorary society, and Barristers, a legal honorary society; and

**WHEREAS**, He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1960 and was admitted to practice before the United States District Court, the Northern District of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, During his 27 years in the Senate, he served on numerous committees and was chairman of the State Affairs, Economic Development, and Jurisprudence committees and vice chairman of the Committee of the Whole on Redistricting and of the Ethics and Elections and Nominations committees; he also served as the vice chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Harris was a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Texas Judicial Council, the Legislative Natural Resources Board, and the Legislative Budget Board; he was an alternate member of the Commerce, Labor, and Regulation Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, He was successful in passing legislation on interstate banking and branch banking, pari-mutuel wagering, and insurance reform, and he led the efforts that succeeded in making The University of Texas at Dallas a four-year institution of higher education; Senator Harris was elected president pro tempore of the Senate during the interim of the 63rd Legislature and served as Dean of the Senate during the 73rd legislative session; and

**WHEREAS**, As an attorney, his area of practice is in business and administrative law, and he has served as the principal lobbyist for numerous business organizations dealing with a wide variety of policy issues, including taxation, economic and industrial development, oil and gas, education, and property interests; and

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**WHEREAS**, Ike Harris has been an honorable and dedicated public servant and is an esteemed attorney in the Austin community, and his many accomplishments are a source of much pride to the Senate and the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize O. H. "Ike" Harris as a treasured citizen of Austin and the State of Texas and extend best wishes to him on his 70th birthday; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as a token of esteem from 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 30, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate