

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Craig Martin of Converse is celebrating his
2 50th birthday on July 18, 2005, confirming what his fellow citizens
3 have long known, that this esteemed public servant wasn't born
4 yesterday; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Marion, Ohio, on July 18, 1955, Mayor Martin
6 has a bachelor's degree in public relations and spent many years in
7 the field of journalism, writing for *Stars & Stripes* and teaching
8 his trade at the Defense Information School; after traveling and
9 living in many different locales during his career as an Air Force
10 non-commissioned officer, this astute gentleman and his wife, Lisa,
11 demonstrated their keen intelligence and discriminating taste when
12 they chose to make her native Texas their permanent home; and

13 WHEREAS, Settling in Converse in 1996, he soon became active
14 in local politics; a habitual overachiever, he was appointed to the
15 planning and zoning commission in the spring of 1997 and was elected
16 to the city council the following year; in 1999, he was voted mayor,
17 and he has since become one of only two Converse mayors to be
18 re-elected three times; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to performing the duties of his office,
20 Mayor Martin has served as chair of the Northeast Partnership of
21 Cities and as the parliamentarian for the Texas Municipal League
22 Region 7; now in the process of starting his own business as well,
23 Mayor Martin shows no signs of slowing down, and he will no doubt
24 sprint right past the half-century mark filled with the same sense

1 of enthusiasm and drive that have characterized his career; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Honorable
5 Craig Martin on the occasion of his 50th birthday and commend him
6 for the many significant contributions he has made to the
7 betterment of the City of Converse; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mayor Martin as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 299

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 299 was adopted by the House on July 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House