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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, George Thomas Conly, a widely respected Midland oil  
2 man and distinguished civic leader, is marking his 80th birthday on  
3 July 23, 2005; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in San Diego, California, in 1925, Mr. Conly  
5 grew up primarily in Aspermont before moving to Midland in 1939; he  
6 graduated from Midland High School in 1942 and served in the U.S.  
7 Navy from 1943 to 1946; a radioman first class, he saw duty in the  
8 South Pacific on board the USS *Sabine* and USS *Fillmore*; and

9           WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Conly earned a  
10 business degree in accounting from Southern Methodist University in  
11 1949 and in 1950 joined Hendrick, Newkirk and Whitley Accounting  
12 Firm in Midland; two years later he formed a partnership with Daniel  
13 Griffith and in 1954 established a CPA partnership with M. A.  
14 Murphree; in 1960 Mr. Conly cofounded the Conly, Peters and Green  
15 Accounting Firm, which shortly thereafter became Conly, Peters, and  
16 Smith; and

17           WHEREAS, George Conly entered the oil business in 1972, when  
18 he became president of Coquina Oil Company; he joined Bill Barnes in  
19 launching Laguna Petroleum Corporation in 1977 and soon became the  
20 sole owner; in 2002, he sold Laguna Petroleum to OXY and formed Uno  
21 Mas Oil Company, which he continues to operate; and

22           WHEREAS, In addition to serving on the board of directors of  
23 Offshore Logistics in the 1970s, Mr. Conly has served on various  
24 committees of the Texas Society of CPAs and is a charter member of

1 the Permian Basin Chapter of CPAs; and

2 WHEREAS, Held in high regard for his seasoned judgment and  
3 able leadership, he has also served as a member of the City of  
4 Midland Planning and Zoning Commission, as a member of the board of  
5 governors for High Sky Children's Ranch, and as president and  
6 director of the YMCA; and

7 WHEREAS, A valued congregant of First Presbyterian Church,  
8 Mr. Conly is also a charter member and treasurer of The Racquet  
9 Club; in his leisure time, he has pursued such wide-ranging  
10 avocations as flying, water skiing, snow skiing, and deep-sea  
11 fishing, as well as tennis, golf, and volleyball; and

12 WHEREAS, George Conly married Betty Thornton in 1947 and the  
13 couple became the proud parents of two daughters, Debbie Conly Kemp  
14 and Andye Conly; today their family also embraces two cherished  
15 grandsons, Conly Gevecker and Cole Bryan; and

16 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and esteemed member of both the  
17 accounting and petroleum industries, Mr. Conly has long exemplified  
18 the constructive civic engagement that builds strong, vibrant, and  
19 caring communities, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in honoring  
20 him as he celebrates this momentous personal milestone; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby warmly congratulate George  
24 Thomas Conly on the joyous occasion of his 80th birthday and extend  
25 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Conly as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
2 House of Representatives.