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H.R. No. 11

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished former member, speaker pro tem, and
2 dean of the Texas House of Representatives, the Honorable Bill G.
3 Hollowell of Grand Saline, is celebrating his 77th birthday on July
4 22, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Hollowell was born in 1928 in Van
6 Zandt County; he pursued his higher education at Tyler Junior
7 College, North Texas State University, and East Texas Baptist
8 College and later earned a law degree from Baylor University and a
9 master of law degree from The University of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollowell served his nation with distinction for
11 nearly four decades as a member of the Air and Army National Guard,
12 earning 18 major service awards and achieving the rank of brevet
13 lieutenant general by the end of his storied military career; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman was first elected to
15 represent the constituents of Van Zandt, Upshur, and Smith Counties
16 in 1956; during his notable tenure in office, he shared his
17 leadership and expertise as a longtime member of the appropriations
18 committee, as vice chair of the house administration committee, as
19 chair of the state affairs, general investigating, ethics, and
20 public lands and buildings committees, as a member of the
21 Legislative Budget Board, and more; and

22 WHEREAS, All told, Mr. Hollowell worked to benefit his fellow
23 Texans in the house of representatives for 28 years, making him at
24 the time of his retirement one of only three house members in the

1 history of the Lone Star State to have served as long; today, Mr.
2 Hollowell's affection for Texas government remains strong; he and
3 his wife, Mary Jane, whom he married on January 16, 1999, still keep
4 an apartment in the Capital City, where he remains involved in state
5 affairs; and

6 WHEREAS, Widely respected for his admirable record of public
7 service, he has also worked for FEMA, the U.S. House of
8 Representatives, and the Texas Water Quality Board over the course
9 of his career; honored by the Texas Healthcare Association for his
10 contributions in behalf of the elderly in 1987, he was named Man of
11 the Year by the Grand Saline Chamber of Commerce in 1990; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Hollowell has deservedly earned a reputation as
13 a man of character and integrity, and his birthday provides an
14 opportune time to pay tribute to this accomplished gentleman for
15 his many good works; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Honorable
18 Bill G. Hollowell on the occasion of his 77th birthday and extend to
19 him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Hollowell as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.