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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karl Rove, the formidable political strategist who
2 serves as senior advisor to President George W. Bush and as the
3 president's deputy chief of staff in charge of policy, was roasted
4 during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Headliners Club on
5 January 12, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in 1950, Mr. Rove was raised in Colorado,
7 Nevada, and Utah; fascinated with politics from an early age, he
8 worked on his first campaign in 1968 while a high school senior, and
9 by 1971 he had become executive director of the College Republican
10 National Committee; subsequently, from 1973 to 1975, he led that
11 organization as national chairman; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rove moved to Texas in 1977 and went to work for
13 State Representative Fred Agnich; the following year he helped
14 William P. Clements, Jr., become the first Republican governor of
15 Texas since Reconstruction; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1981 Mr. Rove established Karl Rove + Company, a
17 direct mail consulting firm, and over the course of the next two
18 decades he worked on hundreds of political campaigns; among the
19 candidates to benefit from his expertise were President Ronald
20 Reagan in 1984 and scores of Republicans across the country vying
21 for gubernatorial, U.S. senatorial, and U.S. congressional
22 offices; and

23 WHEREAS, On his home ground, in Texas, he played an
24 instrumental role in electing Phil Gramm to the U.S. House of

1 Representatives in 1982 and to the U.S. Senate in 1984, Bill
2 Clements to a second gubernatorial term in 1986, and Tom Phillips to
3 the office of chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court in 1988; two
4 years later he helped Rick Perry become Texas agriculture
5 commissioner and Kay Bailey Hutchison state treasurer, and in 1993
6 he assisted Ms. Hutchison in her successful run for the U.S. Senate;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, A key figure in George W. Bush's two successful runs
9 for the governorship of Texas and then for the presidency of the
10 United States, Mr. Rove serves as one of the president's closest
11 advisors and also coordinates the policies of the National Security
12 Council, Domestic Policy Council, National Economic Council, and
13 Homeland Security Council; and

14 WHEREAS, Before joining the president's administration, Mr.
15 Rove taught at The University of Texas at Austin, in the LBJ School
16 of Public Affairs and in the Department of Journalism, and served as
17 a faculty member at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies in
18 Austria; in addition, he was a member of the Board of International
19 Broadcasting, which oversaw the operations of Radio Free Europe and
20 Radio Liberty, and served on the board of the McDonald Observatory;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Rove and his wife, Darby, a graphic designer,
23 married in 1986; they are the parents of a son, Andrew Madison Rove;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Hailed by President Bush as the "architect" of his
26 2004 victory and credited by observers on all sides as a remarkable
27 strategist, Karl Rove continues to make an invaluable contribution

1 to the leadership and vision of the Bush administration; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Karl Rove on his
5 roast at the 50th anniversary gala of the Headliners Club and
6 recognize him for the pivotal role he has played in shaping U.S.
7 politics and policies at the opening of the 21st century; and, be it
8 further

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

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