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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Earl Young of Dallas is a noted Texas businessman
2 who brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his interests
3 across the globe; and

WHEREAS, A consultant, corporate officer, and board member for many companies in the United States and abroad, Mr. Young is a director of Madagascar Resources, an Australian-based heavy mineral mining company, Diamond Fields International Ltd., a diamond mining company, and Aurora Energy, a natural gas company based in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, He is a personal friend of the president 10 of 11 Madagascar, His Excellency Marc Ravalomana, and serves as president 12 of the U.S.-Madagascar Business Council; in his role as president 13 and CEO of Madagascar World Voice, Mr. Young is working in 14 cooperation with World Christian Broadcasting on the construction of a shortwave radio station in Mahajunga in order to broadcast a 15 message of hope and freedom to some three billion shortwave radio 16 receivers around the world; and 17

18 WHEREAS, A caring corporate neighbor, he is a member of the 19 board of directors of the Corporate Council on Africa, a nonprofit 20 organization based in Washington, D.C., with a membership that 21 represents nearly 85 percent of all American private sector 22 investments in Africa; he further serves the global community 23 through his participation with the CCA AIDS task force, an advisory 24 group that works with the U.S. government and the private sector to

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H.R. No. 343 1 alleviate the worldwide health problems presented by this disease; 2 and

3 WHEREAS, Closer to home, Mr. Young was a key figure in the naming of the track and field team of Abilene Christian University 4 as the "Sports Dynasty of the Century" by Texas Monthly magazine; an 5 6 All-American in track and field at Abilene Christian, this 7 world-class athlete represented the United States on the 1963 Pan 8 American Team and on numerous international teams, establishing 9 four American and four world records; moreover, he was a member of 10 the 1960 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team, placing sixth in the 400-meter race, winning a gold medal in the 1600-meter relay, and 11 12 setting a new Olympic record, and he appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated as an outstanding Olympian from Abilene Christian 13 14 University; and

15 WHEREAS, The founding chair of the Olympians' Relief Fund, 16 Mr. Young has served on the board of the U.S. Olympic Alumni 17 Association and as president of the Southwest Chapter of Olympians; 18 and

WHEREAS, Today, this esteemed Texan enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Nancy, and his three children, Stacey, Grant, and Megan, and he continues to contribute to many worthwhile endeavors, both in his community and around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Earl Young for his many achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 343 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House