

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 5, 2006, marked the 90th birthday of Herb
2 Cerwinske of Houston, and with nine decades of joyful times and
3 meaningful accomplishments on which to reflect, he truly has reason
4 to celebrate; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on a farm in Iowa in 1916, Mr. Cerwinske earned
6 a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Buena Vista College in
7 1937; a year later, he married Alceste Larsen, and the couple soon
8 thereafter moved to New Jersey, where Mr. Cerwinske became an
9 actuarial student at Prudential Insurance Company of America; his
10 Texas roots took hold in 1952 when he accepted a transfer to Houston
11 to help establish Prudential's new southwestern home office; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cerwinske embraced his new home in the Bayou
13 City, cofounding the Country Playhouse, a community theater, where,
14 many years later, the main stage would be named in honor of him and
15 his wife; after 38 years of employment with Prudential, he retired
16 as director of group insurance for the southwestern office in 1978;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Mr. Cerwinske helped
19 develop the Harris County Senior Softball League, for which he
20 played pitcher; he went on to share his time and talent as a math
21 tutor for Houston public schools and to log more than 5,000 hours of
22 volunteer service at Memorial Hermann Hospital; an avid bridge
23 player, he has given many lessons on the game at local community
24 centers and is an active member of Fairhaven Methodist Church; and

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1 WHEREAS, This devoted family man enjoyed 65 years of a loving
2 marriage until his wife's passing in 2003, and the couple raised
3 three daughters, Marinel, Jeri, and Teri; and

4 WHEREAS, The birthday of Herb Cerwinske provides a fitting
5 opportunity to honor this esteemed gentleman, who continues to
6 contribute to his community and brighten the lives of all who know
7 him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby warmly congratulate Herb
10 Cerwinske on his 90th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
11 for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Cerwinske as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 669 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House