

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 85th birthday of an esteemed Texan is always
2 cause for celebration, and on April 7, 2006, Donald Dargen of
3 Houston marked this joyous occasion; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1921 to Ada Glassbrook and William Francis
5 Dargen, Mr. Dargen grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and
6 attended the University of South Dakota before leaving school to
7 serve his country as an aerial gunner with the U.S. Army Air Corps
8 during World War II; while stationed in Andover, he met and fell in
9 love with Mary Grace Lyons; the pair were wed on April 15, 1944, and
10 enjoy a union that has been blessed with 4 children, 11
11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Dargen
13 reenrolled at the University of South Dakota, where he earned a
14 degree in engineering and was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma and the
15 National Physics Society; his long and distinguished career began
16 shortly after he went to work as a draftsman for the New York
17 Central Railroad; in 1951 he joined Texaco, and for the next 35
18 years served the company on assignments abroad and in this country;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Dargen retired in 1986 in Houston and gives
21 generously of his time and talents by volunteering for St. Jerome's
22 food pantry, the PBS station, a crisis hotline, Houston Grand Opera
23 Guild, and the Better Business Bureau; moreover, he is an avid
24 bowler and bridge player and remains passionate about traveling,

1 having journeyed on the Orient Express, seen the pyramids of Egypt,
2 ridden on camels and elephants, and cruised both the Atlantic and
3 Pacific Oceans; and

4 WHEREAS, Donald Dargen sets a splendid example of how to live
5 life to its fullest, and he is most deserving of special
6 recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Donald Dargen
9 on his 85th birthday and extend to him best wishes for the future;
10 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 670

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 670 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House