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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 90th birthday is indeed cause for a celebration,
2 and on January 29, 2005, Oliver Wendell Sprott, Sr., of Beaumont is
3 commemorating this milestone at a party in his honor; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 1, 1915, in Beaumont, Mr. Sprott
5 was a member of the Charlton Pollard High School Class of 1932; he
6 attended Tuskegee Institute in Alabama before transferring to Wiley
7 College, where he received his bachelor of arts degree; during his
8 time at Wiley, he also earned All Conference honors as a center on
9 the school football team; and

10 WHEREAS, Following college, Mr. Sprott served his country as
11 a member of the United States Army, attaining the rank of staff
12 sergeant; honorably discharged in 1945, he returned to Beaumont
13 and, like his father before him, became a letter carrier for the
14 United States Postal Service; he worked at the Tobe Hahn Station
15 throughout his notable 35-year career in public service; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Sprott married the love of his life, Gladys
17 Marie Harley, in 1947, and their rewarding marriage was richly
18 blessed with three children, Oliver W. Sprott, Jr., LaRita Gail
19 Sprott, and Alisa Danell Sprott; when his children were younger,
20 Mr. Sprott enjoyed traveling with his family and attending sporting
21 events; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman is a devoted congregant at
23 St. James United Methodist Church and a valued member of Alpha Phi
24 Alpha Fraternity and the Appomattox Club; and

1 WHEREAS, Oliver Sprott has demonstrated outstanding
2 patriotism in the service of his country, unflinching integrity in
3 his work, and an inspiring dedication to his loved ones and his
4 community, and it is a distinct pleasure to join his family and
5 friends in honoring him at this special time; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Oliver Wendell Sprott, Sr.,
8 on the joyous occasion of his 90th birthday and extend to him
9 heartfelt best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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