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H.R. No. 266

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. W. Sam Monroe, president of Lamar State
2 College--Port Arthur, has been named Man of the Year by Quota
3 International of Southeast Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, In being selected for this award, Dr. Monroe becomes
5 the first man to be so recognized by this branch of Quota
6 International since it began conferring its person of the year
7 award 59 years ago; now open to both male and female members, Quota
8 International originated as the first international women's
9 service organization; the Southeast Texas chapter chose to honor
10 Dr. Monroe in consequence of his exceptional leadership at Lamar
11 State College--Port Arthur and the crucial role he played in the
12 establishment of the Museum of the Gulf Coast; and

13 WHEREAS, President of LSC--Port Arthur since 1999, Dr. Monroe
14 has overseen the development of a master plan that will meet the
15 needs of the college through 2009; under his guidance, the school
16 has also embarked on the construction of several major new
17 facilities and the enlargement of the Gates Memorial Library; other
18 achievements during his tenure include increased enrollment in
19 online courses and in the cooperative program with the Nederland
20 and Port Arthur school districts, as well as an expansion of
21 training and public service activities; and

22 WHEREAS, The Museum of the Gulf Coast, which owes so much to
23 Dr. Monroe's leadership, opened in 1994; presenting a chronological
24 history of the Texas and Louisiana coastal region, the museum also

1 examines the integration of this area into the larger national and
2 international community; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of College Station, Dr. Monroe moved to
4 Port Arthur at an early age, and he has contributed immeasurably to
5 the community, in both his professional and private lives, for more
6 than three decades; before assuming his present office, he held a
7 number of posts at Lamar University--Port Arthur and served as
8 president of that institution from 1984 to 1999; he began his
9 administrative career at Port Arthur College, where he served as
10 executive vice president and president; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Monroe has given unstintingly of
12 his time and talents to a host of civic organizations, including the
13 City of Port Arthur Human Relations Committee, Housing Authority,
14 Housing Finance Corporation, and Public Library; among his numerous
15 well-deserved honors are citations from the Texas Historical
16 Commission and Port Arthur NAACP, an honorary doctorate from Lamar
17 University, the creation of an endowed scholarship fund in his name
18 by the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation, and designation as
19 2004 Citizen of the Year by the *Port Arthur News*; and

20 WHEREAS, The citizens of Port Arthur are enormously indebted
21 to this distinguished gentleman for all he has done to advance
22 higher education in the community and to preserve the cultural and
23 historical heritage of the surrounding region, and it is indeed a
24 pleasure to honor him at this time; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. W. Sam Monroe on his selection
27 as Man of the Year by Quota International of Southeast Texas and

1 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his
2 endeavors; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Dr. Monroe as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.