

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Elliott Naishtat is celebrating his
2 60th birthday on February 15, 2005, despite any argument,
3 documentation, or other dubious evidence that he may provide to the
4 contrary, and the members of this chamber are proud to recognize
5 this momentous event; and

6 WHEREAS, Known by constituents and friends as the Hebrew
7 Hammer, champion of the poor and needy, Representative Naishtat is
8 in the midst of his eighth legislative session since winning
9 election as representative of House District 49 in November of
10 1990; during his notable tenure he has been recognized by numerous
11 state and national organizations, including AARP, the American
12 Foundation for the Blind, the American Cancer Society, the Texas
13 Council on Family Violence, and the Texas Public Health
14 Association; he was also named one of Texas' Ten Best Legislators by
15 the State Bar Family Law Section; and

16 WHEREAS, A native New Yorker and a mensch in every sense of
17 the word, Elliott--two l's, two t's, thank you very much--has lived
18 in Texas for some 30 years, which makes him half Texan; he attended
19 Queens College before heading to Austin, where he earned his
20 master's degree in social work and his law degree from The
21 University of Texas at Austin; and

22 WHEREAS, Few individuals can rival Elliott's uncanny ability
23 to procure complimentary food by attending the season's various
24 social and political events; in fact, on more than one occasion

1 since taking office he has eaten breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with
2 the occasional between-meal snack, at someone else's expense;
3 friends claim that he wouldn't have salt and pepper in his house if
4 it weren't for the tiny packets packaged with the plastic cutlery
5 offered at free barbecue dinners; and

6 WHEREAS, In his defense, however, it must be stated that
7 Elliott always provides the gefilte fish at Pesach Seder--and not
8 the cheap, low-salt kind, either; only the finest fish cakes will do
9 when celebrating Passover, but you better arrive early if you want
10 more than one piece; and

11 WHEREAS, It's safe to say that Elliott has not overwhelmed
12 his friends with either his athletic prowess or his decision-making
13 skill on the softball field; to put it gently, it's highly unlikely
14 that the Mets will be offering him a job as third-base coach any
15 time soon; but when it comes to making decisions on the floor of the
16 House, Representative Naishtat has consistently honored the
17 desires and wishes of his constituents; and

18 WHEREAS, Sixty years young and showing no signs of slowing
19 down, Elliott Naishtat is a credit to the field of public service,
20 and it is with the utmost respect and honor that the members of this
21 chamber wish him Mazel Tov on the occasion of his 60th birthday;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 60th birthday of the Honorable
25 Elliott Naishtat and extend to him best wishes for a truly memorable
26 birthday celebration.

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Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
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Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
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Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
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Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
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Farabee	Luna	Veasey
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Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 285 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House