

By: Edwards

H.R. No. 388

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Our fellow member, who has spent two decades  
2 rendering exceptional service to his constituents in Harris County  
3 and to citizens throughout the Lone Star State, the Honorable  
4 Harold V. Dutton, Jr., is celebrating his 60th birthday on February  
5 17, 2005; and

6           WHEREAS, A native of Houston's Fifth Ward, Representative  
7 Dutton graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School and received a  
8 bachelor's degree in accounting from Texas Southern University; he  
9 later returned to TSU to earn his J.D. from the Thurgood Marshall  
10 School of Law, on whose faculty he now serves as an adjunct  
11 professor; and

12           WHEREAS, Representative Dutton was formerly associated with  
13 Julia C. Hester House as its executive director and spent a number  
14 of years with Conoco, Inc., where he held management positions in  
15 corporate planning and economic analysis; as the president of Four  
16 Star Broadcasting, he subsequently obtained an FCC license to  
17 operate TV-67, an independent UHF station, which began airing in  
18 the Houston area in early 1986; his law firm, Harold V. Dutton, Jr.,  
19 and Associates, specializes in the area of civil rights and  
20 employment discrimination; and

21           WHEREAS, First elected to the legislature in 1984, this  
22 distinguished gentleman currently chairs the House Committee on  
23 Juvenile Justice and Family Issues and serves on the public  
24 education and the general investigating and ethics committees; he

1 also holds a seat on the steering committee of the House Research  
2 Organization; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his legislative career, Representative  
4 Dutton has championed measures that would enhance the human  
5 resources of the state by helping more Texans to achieve their full  
6 potential; his many legislative achievements include successful  
7 sponsorship of the state's first statutory program to assist  
8 women-owned and minority-owned businesses, initiatives to  
9 strengthen public education, especially alternative education, and  
10 creation of incentives to improve the availability and  
11 affordability of insurance in traditionally underserved areas; and

12 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Representative  
13 Dutton has been named a Distinguished Alumnus of the TSU School of  
14 Business and honored by the United States Small Business  
15 Administration, the newspaper *Forward Times*, the *Hispanic Journal*,  
16 the Texas Women's Political Caucus, and the American Civil  
17 Liberties Union, as well as by the Houston Police Officers'  
18 Association, Harris County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, and  
19 Afro-American Sheriff's Deputy Association; while in law school,  
20 his stellar record won him a listing in *Who's Who in American*  
21 *Colleges and Universities*, and he was also designated an  
22 Outstanding Young Man of America; and

23 WHEREAS, Harold Dutton is the proud father of seven children  
24 and an active member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, where  
25 he serves as an usher and sings in the male choir; in his leisure  
26 time, he can often be found engaged in a vigorous match on the  
27 tennis courts; and

1           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to advancing the cause of social  
2 and economic justice in the State of Texas, Representative Dutton  
3 continues to embody the highest standards of public service, and it  
4 is a pleasure to pay tribute to him as he prepares to embark on a  
5 new--and no doubt equally productive--decade; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Harold V. Dutton,  
8 Jr., on the occasion of his 60th birthday and extend to him sincere  
9 best wishes for the coming year; and, be it further

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