

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, As board chair and chief executive officer of SBC
2 Communications, Inc., Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., of San Antonio has
3 helped to reshape the telecommunications landscape with his keen
4 judgment of industry trends; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Ennis, Mr. Whitacre graduated from Texas
6 Tech University with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering;
7 in 1963, he began his career as a facility engineer with
8 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Lubbock; 20 years later, he
9 was in charge of the company's Kansas division, and thereafter,
10 moved to corporate headquarters, where he served as group
11 president, vice president-revenues and public affairs, vice chair,
12 chief financial officer, president, and chief operating officer;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In 1990, this experienced professional was named
15 SBC's board chair and chief executive officer, and since then, he
16 has led the company through a period of unprecedented growth,
17 including a series of mergers and acquisitions; most recently, he
18 negotiated the creation of the nation's largest telecommunications
19 company with the acquisition of AT&T; and

20 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, SBC has been named the world's
21 most admired telecommunications company by *Fortune* magazine for six
22 consecutive years, and it has become a complete telecommunications
23 giant, with wireless, broadband, land-line, and satellite
24 services; and

1 WHEREAS, A respected leader, Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., is
2 consistently looking to the future and adapting to the modern
3 world's new demands, and he truly merits special recognition for
4 his accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., on his
7 extraordinary professional achievements and extend to him sincere
8 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 433

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 433 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House