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H.R. No. 433

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.