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H.R. No. 544

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Charles V. England of Grand Prairie has made
2 an indelible mark on the city he is proud to call home through his
3 outstanding record of civic service; and

4 WHEREAS, A Grand Prairie resident since 1952, Charlie England
5 graduated from Grand Prairie High School in 1957 and, in 1961,
6 earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the
7 University of North Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor England began his career as a State Farm
9 Insurance agent in 1968 and made a successful foray into local
10 politics five years later when he was elected to the Grand Prairie
11 School Board, a group he served until 1976, retiring as president;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, It was following his support of the city's
14 successful "Say Yes" campaign, which proposed a one-half cent sales
15 tax that brought a Class I thoroughbred horse racetrack to the
16 community, that he made a bid for the mayoral seat; first elected in
17 1992, he is currently serving his seventh term as mayor; throughout
18 his exceptional tenure, Mayor England has been a tireless supporter
19 of the fire and police departments, and he was also instrumental in
20 securing Grand Prairie as the venue for the 2004 Breeders' Cup World
21 Thoroughbred Championships; and

22 WHEREAS, This 1993 Citizen of the Year has further benefitted
23 the community through his involvement with numerous notable
24 organizations; president of the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities

1 Development Corporation since 1992, a charter board member of the
2 Lone Star Park Charitable Foundation for Grand Prairie, and a
3 former director of the YMCA board, he has also given of his time and
4 talents as a volunteer firefighter and a member of the North Central
5 Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council, the
6 Thomas B. Hunter Masonic Lodge, and First United Methodist Church;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Supported in all his endeavors by his loving wife,
9 Janice, three children, Rhonda, Kirk, and Lori, and six
10 grandchildren, Charlie England has set a sterling example of
11 leadership, and his dedication to Grand Prairie for 13 years as
12 mayor and for 30 years as an involved citizen has contributed
13 significantly to the quality of life for area residents; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Charles V. England for his
17 contributions to the city of Grand Prairie and extend to him sincere
18 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mayor England as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.