

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James Spriggs of Irving is retiring from his
2 position as president of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of
3 Commerce in October 2004, bringing to a close an exceptional tenure
4 that has spanned nearly 10 years; and

5 WHEREAS, The second-longest-serving president in the
6 chamber's history, Mr. Spriggs took office in April 1995, and under
7 his leadership the chamber has thrived and today boasts a budget of
8 more than \$1.2 million; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Mountain View College, Mr. Spriggs
10 also attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and The
11 University of Texas at Dallas and completed the GTE executive
12 management development program and the University of Kansas
13 executive development program; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Spriggs enjoyed a highly successful career with
15 GTE Corporation, retiring in 1993 as regional vice president and
16 general manager of the company's south central region after 38
17 years; he also served as the vice president of field operations for
18 GTE Southwest; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Spriggs has actively participated
20 in an array of civic organizations, serving as chair of the Boy
21 Scouts of America Circle 10 Council, United Cerebral Palsy-Dallas,
22 and the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce and serving as president of
23 the Irving Symphony Orchestra and the Stuttgart Industrial
24 Development Corporation; moreover, this former Carrollton Citizen

1 of the Year has ably served the Irving Hospital Foundation, the
2 Baylor Hospital Foundation-Dallas, the Stuttgart Chamber of
3 Commerce, United Way-Dallas, YMCA-Dallas, the Irving Schools
4 Foundation, the University of Dallas, the Dallas Easter Seal
5 Society for Children, and the Stuttgart Rotary Club; and

6 WHEREAS, James Spriggs is an inspiration to all who are
7 privileged to know him, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor a man
8 who has so generously devoted his time and energies to the
9 betterment of his community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend James Spriggs for his myriad good works
12 and congratulate him on his remarkable tenure as president of the
13 Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Spriggs as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 629

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 629 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House