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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gordon E. Stone of Quitman is celebrating the
2 momentous occasion of his 80th birthday on March 12, 2005, marking a
3 significant milestone in his long and happy life; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 12, 1925, Mr. Stone valiantly served
5 his country in World War II as a member of the 11th Airborne, 187
6 Infantry Regiment, stationed in Japan; and

7 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan married Alice Olson on June 4,
8 1949, and the happy pair have been blessed with three children,
9 Greg, Todd, and Karen, as well as nine grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1976, Mr. Stone purchased Semi-Tech, Inc., an
11 optical supply business, and moved it to Garland seven years later;
12 following its sale in 1992, he retired and has since enjoyed
13 traveling with his family around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Stone has worked tirelessly
15 to better his community, contributing to a host of civic and
16 charitable organizations in Dallas and Garland, including the
17 Garland Chamber of Commerce, the Garland Symphony, the Juvenile
18 Diabetes Research Foundation, and summer musicals in both cities;
19 moreover, he remains a vital member of his church; and

20 WHEREAS, Gordon Stone is a source of great joy and
21 inspiration to all who are privileged to know him, and it is indeed
22 a pleasure to join him in celebrating eight decades of a life well
23 lived; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Gordon E. Stone on his 80th
2 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
3 happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Stone as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.