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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Gary Hardee, publisher of the *Star-Telegram* in 2 Arlington, has been chosen to receive the Richard Greene Community 3 Service Award from Young Men for Arlington; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as publisher, Mr. Hardee writes editorials and a column, supervises the editorial board, and oversees community relations and marketing operations; during his long association with the paper, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that it serves the good of the Arlington community, providing comprehensive coverage of city news while consistently shining a spotlight on matters of particular significance to area residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardee's commitment to his fellow citizens has been further demonstrated through his extensive efforts in behalf of civic organizations and worthy causes; a former advisor to the Arlington African-American Chamber of Commerce, he presently serves on the advisory board of the Tarrant County Asian-American chamber and on the board of directors for both the Arlington chamber and the Arlington Hispanic chamber; and

WHEREAS, Other beneficiaries of Mr. Hardee's vision and leadership have been the Arlington Child Care Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Arlington Life Shelter, Dental Health for Arlington, the Arlington Independent School District Education Foundation, the River Legacy Foundation, and the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists; and

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WHEREAS, Time and again, this distinguished gentleman has been asked to take charge of a critical undertaking: directed an Arlington Museum of Art capital campaign to finance \$1.2 million in renovations; chaired the Dream Makers event for The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing, an effort that has raised more than \$350,000 for student scholarships; chaired the Boy Scouts of America Longhorn Council fund-raising luncheon, bringing in more than \$60,000; and assisted Helping Restore Ability in securing nearly \$80,000 in pledges; and WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous well-deserved accolades,

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Mr. Hardee has been honored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington,

Boy Scouts of America Longhorn Council, Junior League of Arlington,

Tarrant County Asian-American Chamber of Commerce, Arlington Life

Shelter, and Country Day School of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardee was appointed publisher of the Arlington Star-Telegram in June 2001, after serving for a year as associate publisher and four years as editor; a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, he has worked in the Fort Worth office of the Star-Telegram and at papers in San Antonio, Dallas, and Jackson, Tennessee, as well as on the staffs of the American Airlines in-flight magazine and the corporate communications department of J. C. Penney Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Through his myriad contributions as a newspaper executive and public-spirited citizen, Gary Hardee has touched the lives of countless members of the Arlington community and won the profound respect of those who have been privileged to know and work with him; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby congratulate Gary Hardee on his receipt of the
- 3 2004 Richard Greene Community Service Award from Young Men for
- 4 Arlington and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
- 5 success in all his endeavors; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Mr. Hardee as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 8 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 711 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House