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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gene Harris Petroleum, Inc. (GHPI) was recently
2 honored with its second Business Dynamic Award by the Burleson Area
3 Chamber of Commerce, and this occasion provides an apt time to
4 recognize the company's owner, Gene Harris, for his professional
5 and civic contributions; and

6 WHEREAS, The 1941 valedictorian of Burleson High School, Mr.
7 Harris started a modest dairy operation and drove a gasoline truck
8 before beginning his career in the service station business in the
9 1950s; and

10 WHEREAS, With great perseverance and determination, Mr.
11 Harris transformed a single service station into GHPI, a thriving
12 enterprise that today employs approximately 50 individuals and
13 encompasses eight stores, a gasoline distributorship, and a propane
14 delivery business; and

15 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan has further proven his
16 entrepreneurial abilities by operating a successful country store
17 and food franchise in Grandview, where he and his wife have been
18 spending weekends since buying a ranch in the area in the early
19 1970s; and

20 WHEREAS, Despite his many responsibilities, Mr. Harris has
21 consistently found the time to serve his community, and he has
22 benefited a host of civic and professional organizations with his
23 membership, including the chamber of commerce, the Bethesda Water
24 Cooperative board, the Environmental National board, and the Texas

1 Petroleum Markets and Convenience Store Association; moreover, he
2 has been recognized with the Community Builder's Award by the
3 Grandview Masonic Lodge and the Norwood Award by the Burleson Ex
4 Students Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Gene Harris is an outstanding civic leader and an
6 astute businessman, and it is indeed fitting that he be honored for
7 his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Gene Harris on his company's
10 receipt of the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Business Dynamic
11 Award and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;
12 and, be it further

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