

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Pastor Edward Goodman Eskew of Del Rio celebrated  
2 the milestone of his 79th birthday on February 7, 2005, and this  
3 occasion provides an apt time to recognize him for his invaluable  
4 contributions to his community; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in 1926 to John and Ethel Eskew, Mr. Eskew grew  
6 up worshipping in the Congregational Church in Carrollton under the  
7 leadership of Reverend Bobby Lee Woodruff; while Mr. Eskew knew  
8 Reverend Woodruff's daughter Myrtice since childhood, he later  
9 realized she was his life's love, and the pair were wed during his  
10 first furlough during his service in the United States Marines; and

11           WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Eskew  
12 began a career in retail, eventually moving with his family to San  
13 Antonio, where he was a Sunday school teacher and the leader of two  
14 home groups at Trinity Church; inspired to devote his life to the  
15 church, he began to study for the ministry; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1984, he was asked to move to Del Rio to help a  
17 struggling church; a year later, he was ordained by Trinity Church  
18 and World Ministry Fellowship and formed the Grace Community Church  
19 in Del Rio; he served the body with distinction and celebrated his  
20 retirement in March 2004 with a host of friends and family, each of  
21 whom had been touched by his spiritual leadership; and

22           WHEREAS, Still active in his church and the greater  
23 community, Pastor Eskew remains a source of inspiration to the  
24 congregation and his city; he also maintains a home office and

1 writes a column for the local newspaper; and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Pastor Eskew has drawn on  
3 the support and strength of Myrtice, with whom he celebrated 60  
4 years of marriage on August 1, 2004; they have two children, Lene  
5 and Jim, two granddaughters, Jan and Diana, and four  
6 great-grandchildren, Lyndel, Hayden, Cassidy, and Nicole; and

7 WHEREAS, This caring man has twice been honored for his  
8 dedication to others, once by his congregation at Grace Community  
9 Church for his role in assisting local flood victims, and the other  
10 by the Texas House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Eddie Eskew has blessed the lives of  
12 countless Texans not only through his deeds but also because of the  
13 fine example he sets, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor him; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Edward Goodman Eskew on his 79th  
17 birthday and commend him for his years of service to others; and, be  
18 it further

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

Gallego

H.R. No. 771

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 771 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House