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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Craig A. Wallis was named the 2004 Man of the Year by  
2 the Palacios Chamber of Commerce at its 2005 Annual Membership and  
3 Awards Banquet in recognition of his many contributions to the  
4 vitality of his hometown; and

5           WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Palacios and a former star  
6 athlete and senior class president at Palacios High School, this  
7 dynamic Texan went on to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical  
8 engineering technology from the University of Houston; following  
9 his graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Linda  
10 Stuhrenberg, and traveled as a field engineer for Westinghouse  
11 Electric for two years before returning to Palacios to raise his  
12 family; and

13           WHEREAS, The co-owner of W&W Dock and Ice, Mr. Wallis plays a  
14 vital role in the area shrimping industry; his leadership and  
15 professional acumen have not only earned him the loyalty of his  
16 employees, many of whom have worked with him for more than 25 years,  
17 but the respect of countless Texans as well; the 1988 recipient of  
18 the chamber's Marine Related Award, he has long advocated for the  
19 local domestic shrimp industry as a member of the Texas Shrimp  
20 Association board, and he was recently chosen to testify on behalf  
21 of the state before the International Trade Commission of the  
22 Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Wallis is making a positive and lasting impact  
24 on his community through his myriad civic involvements; a valued

1 member of the Palacios Economic Development Board, the Palacios  
2 Steering Committee for Urban Development, the Pavilion Restoration  
3 Committee, and the Knights of Columbus, he has served as president  
4 of the Palacios Seawall Commission for 11 years and as vice  
5 president of the Palacios Community Medical Center board; he has  
6 coached an array of youth sports and supported the local 4-H as an  
7 adult leader; moreover, his culinary talents are regularly enjoyed  
8 at the Marine Advisory Fishermen's Festival and the St. Anthony's  
9 Catholic Shrimporee; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his most recent honor, Mr. Wallis was  
11 lauded by his high school as the PHS Outstanding Graduate in 2000  
12 and by the Knights of Columbus as the Grand Knight in 1983; the  
13 Knights of Columbus also named him, his wife, Linda, and their two  
14 children, Kyle and Courtney, the organization's Family of the Year;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Craig Wallis is an inspiration to all who are  
17 privileged to know him, and his efforts in behalf of the city of  
18 Palacios have truly made him deserving of this most recent award;  
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Craig A. Wallis on being named the  
22 2004 Man of the Year by the Palacios Chamber of Commerce and extend  
23 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Wallis as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.