R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Pharmacist Steve K. Balas, owner of Eagle Lake

2   United Drugs, received the 2004 Michael L. Houston Award presented

3   by United Drugs at the company's annual membership meeting and

4   technology conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

5   WHEREAS, Created in 2001 to honor the CEO of United Drugs, the

6   award is given to a member pharmacist who contributes to the

7   betterment of the cooperative, the pharmacological profession, and

8   the pharmacist's community; and

9   WHEREAS, Mr. Balas, who has owned his business since 1984, is

10   widely admired for the personal attention he shows his customers,

11   whether he's delivering a prescription to a patient's home or

12   checking on a neighbor's health; and

13   WHEREAS, He further demonstrates a noteworthy commitment to

14   his fellow Texans through volunteering with his church, on advisory

15   boards and commerce organizations, and as a member of rice

16   producer/agricultural coalitions; and

17   WHEREAS, Also a member of the United Drugs Texas State

18   Council, he works in behalf of independent pharmacies by lobbying

19   in Austin and Washington, D.C.; and

20   WHEREAS, Steve Balas has earned the trust and respect of his

21   customers and his colleagues, and his exceptional efforts in behalf

22   of his profession and his community are an inspiration to all who

23   know him; now, therefore, be it

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

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Steve K. Balas on his receipt of

2 the 2004 Michael L. Houston Award from United Drugs and extend to

3 him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

5 prepared for Mr. Balas as an expression of high regard by the Texas

6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 956 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House