

By: Smith of Harris

H.R. No. 1003

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert Gillette of Baytown has established a
2 commendable record of leadership in his community through his
3 professional achievements and civic engagement; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed to the Port of Houston Authority
5 Commission by the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association
6 in 1987, Mr. Gillette rendered exceptional service to that body
7 during his tenure, which concluded in 1999; a longtime board member
8 and former president of the Baytown Water Authority, he further
9 distinguished himself on the board of managers of City-County
10 Hospital and the Harris County Hospital District, and his
11 volunteerism was deservedly recognized when he was named 1983
12 Citizen of the Year by *The Baytown Sun* newspaper; and

13 WHEREAS, An alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin and
14 cum laude graduate of the South Texas School of Law, this World War
15 II veteran helped establish the Baytown law firm of Reid,
16 Strickland and Gillette in 1946 and served as managing partner for
17 30 years until his 1987 retirement; and

18 WHEREAS, In the late 1980s, Mr. Gillette was appointed by
19 U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese to the People to People Citizens
20 Ambassador Program, which paired attorneys and other professionals
21 from this nation with their Beijing, China, counterparts in an
22 effort to hone legal and trade agreements of benefit to both
23 countries; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillette's good works in behalf of his fellow

1 Baytown residents have involved his participation in and leadership
2 of an array of arts, sports, health, and service organizations; the
3 initial director of the Baytown Crime Stoppers program, he has
4 chaired the Lee College Foundation, led the Baytown Chamber of
5 Commerce and the Baytown Lions Club as president, and served as
6 commander of American Legion Post No. 323, among his many civic
7 involvements; and

8 WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen and mentor to countless
9 individuals, Bob Gillette has long demonstrated a strong commitment
10 to the betterment of his community, state, and nation; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Robert Gillette for his many years of
14 exemplary public service and extend to him sincere best wishes for
15 continued happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Gillette as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.