## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, With his March 31, 2005, retirement as division vice president of regional operations, Jim Schaefer concludes an exemplary career with CenterPoint Energy that has spanned more than 36 years; and

WHEREAS, A 1968 graduate of Texas A\&M University, Mr. Schaefer began his career as a power consultant with Houston Lighting and Power Company, now CenterPoint Energy, that same year; in 1996, he was made director of state relations, where he was responsible for government and regulatory affairs, and in 2000, he assumed the post of division vice president of regional operations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Schaefer has made important contributions to his community through numerous civic endeavors; he is a past president of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce and has been active with the Lakewood Civic Association, Baytown Rotary Club, Grace United Methodist Church, Baytown Area/West Chambers County Economic Development, and United Way of Baytown Area, to name a few; his affiliations have also included the Harris County Industrial Commission and the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a life member; and

WHEREAS, A generous man who has donated more than 70 gallons of blood at the Houston Blood Center, Jim Schaefer is truly a man who makes a difference in the lives of others, and he is most deserving of special recognition as he begins a new and rewarding
phase of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby honor Jim Schaefer on the occasion of his retirement from CenterPoint Energy and extend to him best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement; and, be it further

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

