

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 19, 2005, is the 40th birthday of David
2 Christopher Swinford of North Richland Hills, marking a memorable
3 milestone in a life rich with achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Lubbock, this notable Texan grew up in Dumas
5 with a loving family that includes his parents, Joyce and David
6 Swinford and his sister, Melissa Bates; as a youngster, he enjoyed
7 playing football and Little League baseball, and was active in his
8 high school band and the First Street Church of Christ; he also
9 worked after school and in the summer months at his family's grain
10 elevator, and discovered early on that he didn't want to make such
11 employment his life's work; and

12 WHEREAS, Named president of his FFA chapter and outstanding
13 senior while still in high school, he raised and showed livestock in
14 his hometown as well as in Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston; and

15 WHEREAS, After graduation, Mr. Swinford attended Lubbock
16 Christian University, where he participated in debate, livestock
17 judging, and chorus, and was a member of Alpha Chi Delta, an
18 organization he served as chaplain and master follies director;
19 majoring in communications and minoring in Bible, he earned his
20 bachelor's degree in December 1986, furthered his studies at Sunset
21 International Bible Institute, and obtained a master's degree in
22 Christian counseling psychology; and

23 WHEREAS, Through the years this esteemed man has led churches
24 in the Texas communities of Happy and Shamrock, as well as in

1 Portales, New Mexico; he has worked as a missionary in Ukraine,
2 teaching students at the Ukrainian Bible Institute, and is
3 currently an associate minister at College Hill Church of Christ in
4 North Richland Hills; in addition, he has coached basketball,
5 soccer, and baseball, and enjoys teaching and coaching softball at
6 Fort Worth Christian High School; and

7 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Swinford has enjoyed
8 the support of his beloved wife, Brenda, and his sons, Alan and
9 Daniel; and

10 WHEREAS, On his birthday and every day, Chris Swinford may
11 reflect with pride on the countless ways he continues to brighten
12 the lives of those around him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate David Christopher Swinford on the
15 occasion of his 40th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
16 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

Swinford

H.R. No. 1813

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1813 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House