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H.R. No. 2093

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Samuel L. Neal, Jr., has ably served
2 the citizens of Corpus Christi as mayor since his election in April
3 1997, and this esteemed public servant will complete his fourth and
4 final term in April 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mayor Neal was born in Henderson and
6 is a graduate of Paris High School; he continued his education at
7 Texas A&M University in College Station, where he was a proud member
8 of the Corps of Cadets and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing
9 in 1959; today, he also holds a master's in business administration
10 from the former Texas A&I University in Kingsville; and

11 WHEREAS, After graduating from college, he was commissioned a
12 second lieutenant in the army; in 1989, he retired from the Army
13 Reserve as a colonel after more than 30 years in the military;
14 highly regarded for his business and leadership skills, Mayor Neal
15 has enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry and
16 currently serves as chairman of Hilb, Rogal and Hobbs Insurance
17 Company; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Neal has worked diligently in behalf of his
19 fellow citizens in Corpus Christi; his efforts have led to the
20 creation of a "Crime Control and Prevention District" and the
21 development of a multipurpose arena; he has also supported the
22 construction and maintenance of Packery Channel and the Bayfront
23 Master Plan, as well as continued improvements to the city's
24 infrastructure; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Neal has represented the citizens of Corpus
2 Christi as a member of the Texas Municipal League since 1998,
3 serving as president of that organization during the 77th
4 Legislature; he has received numerous prestigious gubernatorial
5 appointments both before and during his tenure as mayor, and he
6 continues to serve as the chairman of the South Texas Military
7 Facilities Task Force; and

8 WHEREAS, Corpus Christi and its citizens have greatly
9 benefited from the visionary leadership and guidance of Mayor Loyd
10 Neal, and his myriad contributions to the City by the Sea will
11 continue to benefit the area for years to come; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Mayor Samuel L. Neal, Jr., for his
15 commendable service as mayor of the City of Corpus Christi and
16 extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all
17 his endeavors; and, be it further

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