

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On May 4, 2005, Earl King celebrated his 74th  
2 birthday, and this notable event provides a fitting opportunity to  
3 reflect on the achievements of a truly remarkable man and to pay  
4 tribute to him for his service in behalf of others; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in a one-room cook shack in Hydro, Oklahoma, in  
6 1931, Mr. King was the middle child of his parents' 11 children; he  
7 left home at age 12 to work on farms to earn room, board, and  
8 clothes; and

9           WHEREAS, At the age of 17, after completing the 10th grade, he  
10 joined the U.S. Navy; he continued his education by correspondence  
11 through the Armed Forces Institute and by attending the U.S. Naval  
12 Academy Preparatory School, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis,  
13 OSU graduate school, and The University of Texas Law School; and

14           WHEREAS, Designated the Distinguished Military Graduate of  
15 his college class, he was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer  
16 and received his wings as an air force pilot, serving for three  
17 years as a first lieutenant; he concluded his military career to  
18 study law and received a doctor of jurisprudence degree in 1960; and

19           WHEREAS, This civic, business, and religious leader has been  
20 a resident of Weatherford for the past 21 years; he has served his  
21 fellow citizens as a city council member and mayor pro tem, a member  
22 of the Weatherford Utility Board, and an associate judge; he has  
23 also been an officer and director of the East Fort Worth Optimist  
24 Club, vice chair of the Parker County Citizens for Public Decency,

1 chair of the Parker County Crime Commission, and a member of the  
2 board of the Parker County Citizens for Responsible Government; and

3 WHEREAS, The founder of the law firm King & King, PC, he has  
4 served as CEO of the Institutional Investment Company of America,  
5 Fort Worth Petroleum Corporation, Lawyers Trust Company, Western  
6 Mining and Milling Company, KingLandCo, Inc., and King Investments,  
7 Ltd.; he has also served as board chair for the Military Parts and  
8 Supply Company and as a director for a number of area banks; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2000, Mr. King founded the Parker County  
10 Christian Men's Fellowship and today serves the organization as a  
11 director and officer; on his birthday in 2005, the group recognized  
12 his leadership with a special celebration in his honor; and

13 WHEREAS, Also a deacon, Master Life Disciple training leader,  
14 and Sunday school teacher for North Side Baptist Church, Mr. King is  
15 chair of the Parker County Christian Life Commission and a board  
16 member and officer of the Southwestern Theological Seminary  
17 Advisory Council; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his exemplary service to his  
19 community and church, this devoted family man has always been a  
20 source of love and support to his wife, Barbara, and his five  
21 children and 14 grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Through the years, Earl King has demonstrated his  
23 dedication to the welfare of others in countless ways, and in so  
24 doing, he has earned the lasting respect and affection of his  
25 family, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Earl King on his 74th birthday,

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1 commend him for his community service, and extend to him sincere  
2 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

King of Parker

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2166 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House