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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 75th birthday of an esteemed Texan is a most
2 joyous occasion, and on April 14, 2007, Homer L. Thornton, Jr., of
3 Paris is celebrating this significant milestone in his life; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Graham in 1932, Homer Thornton graduated in
5 1949 from Graham High School, where he excelled in academics and
6 lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track; he went on
7 to serve as a member of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University
8 before graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in animal
9 husbandry in 1954; commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S.
10 Air Force, he served his country for two years and rose to the rank
11 of first lieutenant; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Thornton has enjoyed successful careers in both
13 ranching and accounting, beginning with owning and operating the
14 TNT Ranch in Kiamichi for more than a decade; after obtaining a
15 bachelor's of business administration in accounting from East Texas
16 State University in 1970, he served for many years as comptroller of
17 the Paris Milling Company & Special X Feeds and subsequently
18 founded his own certified public accounting firm; moreover, he has
19 served on the board of directors of First Federal Community Bank for
20 more than 30 years; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to pursuing his professional endeavors,
22 Mr. Thornton has shared his time and talents with several community
23 organizations, serving as president of the Lamar County Chamber of
24 Commerce, the Paris Rotary Club, the Paris Education Foundation

1 (P.E.F.), and the Lamar County A&M Club Foundation; a Paul Harris
2 Fellow, he directed the 2006 J. T. Davis Memorial Golf Tournament, a
3 P.E.F. fund-raiser, and he continues to benefit P.E.F. as its
4 treasurer; he is also a valued member of Central Presbyterian
5 Church, where he serves as an elder and a Sunday school teacher; and

6 WHEREAS, In June 2007 Mr. Thornton and his wife, Caroleen
7 Turner Thornton, will celebrate 55 years of marriage, and they are
8 the proud parents of three children, Julianne Thornton Shipley,
9 Alice Thornton McQuitty, and Homer Lee Thornton III; in his leisure
10 time, Mr. Thornton also enjoys spending time with his nine
11 grandchildren and his great-grandson, golfing, and building model
12 trains; and

13 WHEREAS, A proud resident of East Texas, Homer Thornton has
14 contributed to his community with vision, dedication, and
15 generosity, and he may indeed reflect with pride on 75 years of a
16 life well lived; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby congratulate Homer L. Thornton, Jr., on the occasion of his
19 75th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
20 success and happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Thornton as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.