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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James "Chick" Herrin has been honored with selection
2 as an inaugural inductee into the International Lineman's Hall of
3 Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, Created in 2006 to pay tribute to linemen and others
5 who have contributed to the safety and continued success of the
6 electrical industry, the hall of fame aims to recognize the
7 sacrifices and unwavering dedication of these outstanding
8 individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, With his induction, Mr. Herrin, the only living hall
10 of fame member, joins the ranks of such important figures as Thomas
11 Edison, the inventor of the first commercially practical
12 incandescent light, and Henry Miller, the founder of what is today
13 known as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Herrin climbed his first utility pole at the age
15 of eight and has since forged for himself a notable career as a
16 utility lineman; over the course of his varied and exciting four
17 decades in the business, he has serviced steel towers with
18 helicopters, worked in the swamps of Louisiana and the mountains of
19 New Mexico and Colorado, and given of his time and talents to the
20 hurricane-ravaged town of San Augustine; he has been employed with
21 Bryan Texas Utilities for the past 22 years and currently is the
22 company's lineman supervisor; and

23 WHEREAS, A board member of the Texas Lineman's Rodeo
24 Association, Mr. Herrin is known for more than his dedication to his

1 job; he is the husband of Patty, with whom he qualified for the
2 state bowling tournament in the 2005 Senior Olympics, and is a
3 songwriter and musician, a loving grandfather, and a faithful
4 friend; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Chick Herrin has gone above
6 and beyond the call of duty and exemplified a sterling work ethic,
7 an admirable sense of modesty, and a passion for professional
8 excellence; he has earned the lasting respect and admiration of all
9 who are privileged to know him, and he may reflect with great pride
10 on his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate James Herrin on being inducted into
13 the International Lineman's Hall of Fame and extend to him best
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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