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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Wendell Nedderman has been an active member of
2 Kiwanis International for more than a half-century, and his
3 committed service to his fellow Texans embodies the Kiwanis ideals
4 of serving the local community and contributing time to support
5 children and young adults; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Nedderman's involvement in Kiwanis dates back to
7 1955, when he began attending the meetings of the College Station
8 chapter; following his relocation to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in
9 1959, he joined the Kiwanis Club of Arlington; an active
10 participant in the club's meetings and service projects ever since,
11 he has expressed his wholehearted support of the organization's
12 programs, believing that they greatly influence young people's
13 lives for the better; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Nedderman's interest in assisting Texas youth
15 has also been reflected in his professional life; following his
16 service as a naval officer in World War II, he began a distinguished
17 academic career; hired as an instructor at Texas A&M University in
18 January 1947, he began a 12-year association with the university,
19 during which time he earned both his master's degree from A&M and
20 his doctoral degree in civil engineering from Iowa State
21 University; and

22 WHEREAS, Moving to Arlington State College in 1959, Dr.
23 Nedderman became the founding dean of the newly established School
24 of Engineering; in 1969, he was named vice president for academic

1 affairs, and three years later he was chosen as president of the
2 university; he led the school, which had in the meantime become The
3 University of Texas at Arlington, for 20 years, stepping down in
4 1992 but continuing to teach in the School of Engineering until his
5 retirement in 2005; a revered figure at the university, he has been
6 given the title of president emeritus, and a street as well as the
7 engineering building on the campus are named in his honor;
8 moreover, his accomplishments have elicited prestigious honors,
9 including the Mirabeau Lamar Award from the Association of Texas
10 Colleges and Universities; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Nedderman has also devoted his talents to a
12 variety of other groups and institutions in North Texas; a member of
13 the board of directors at Arlington Memorial Hospital and a trustee
14 for Texas Health Resources, he has assisted organizations such as
15 the North Texas Commission, the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts, the
16 Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, and the United Way; his community
17 service, combined with his academic accomplishments and his many
18 decades of activity with Kiwanis International, has defined Wendell
19 Nedderman as a civic leader of the first order, and his dedication
20 to assisting his fellow citizens has been an immense benefit to the
21 State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Wendell Nedderman for more than
24 50 years of membership in Kiwanis International and honor him for
25 his other significant and influential work in the Lone Star State;
26 and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Dr. Nedderman as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.