

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gerald R. Ehrman of Orange is beginning a new
2 chapter of his life with his retirement from DuPont after 42 years
3 of distinguished service to the company; and

4 WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree in mechanical
5 engineering from the University of Notre Dame and his master's
6 degree in business administration from the University of
7 Pittsburgh, Jerry Ehrman began his career with DuPont at the
8 Washington Works site in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in 1964; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ehrman ably served in a variety of engineering
10 and management positions and became plant manager at DuPont
11 facilities in Corpus Christi, Niagara Falls, and Memphis; his
12 ascent through a succession of important positions culminated in
13 his appointment as plant manager for the Sabine River Works in
14 Orange, where from October 1994 to November 2006 he was responsible
15 for the 1,500-acre resins manufacturing facility, which employs
16 1,600 people; and

17 WHEREAS, When Hurricane Rita forced the facility to shut down
18 in September 2005 for the first time in its 59-year history, Mr.
19 Ehrman led the effort to repair the storm's destruction and restore
20 the plant to operation; despite damage to his own home, he worked to
21 ensure that food and shelter were moved into the area for repair
22 crews and assisted in the provision of trailers for company
23 employees whose houses were uninhabitable; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to providing steady leadership on the

1 job, Mr. Ehrman has generously contributed to his profession
2 through his membership in the Southeast Texas Plant Managers'
3 Forum, the Chemical Row Manager's Group, and the External Advisory
4 Committee of the Department of Chemical Engineering at The
5 University of Texas at Austin; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Jerry Ehrman has always put
7 the safety of his coworkers ahead of every other consideration; a
8 longtime member of the Texas Chemical Council, he has been chair of
9 its Occupational Safety Committee since 1998; in 2006, he was
10 awarded the council's first Safety Leadership Award, and the
11 committee that oversees this commendation was so impressed by his
12 record of service that they renamed the award in his honor; it will
13 henceforth be known as the Texas Chemical Council Gerald R. Ehrman
14 Award for Safety Leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ehrman is prominent and active in his community,
16 serving on the board of directors for the United Way of Orange
17 County, the St. Mary's Catholic School Foundation, the Lutcher
18 Theater, and the Orange Hospital Foundation; in 1998, he was voted
19 Citizen of the Year by the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce;
20 devotion to family is also a key part of his life, and Mr. Ehrman
21 enjoys the love and support of his wife, Nancy, and their six
22 children and 12 grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Gerald R. Ehrman has been an
24 influential figure in the chemical industry, exhibiting exemplary
25 dedication to his profession and to the well-being of his
26 coworkers, and he may take justifiable pride in the legacy of
27 achievement that he has created; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Gerald R. Ehrman on his retirement
3 from DuPont and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it
4 further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 273 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House