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H.R. No. 282

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Chief Oscola Clayton M. Sylestine of the  
2 Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is observing the milestone of his  
3 75th birthday on February 11, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, A third-generation descendant of Alabama-Coushatta  
5 Sub-Chief Colabe, Clayton Marion Sylestine was born in 1932; he was  
6 elected to the lifelong office of Principal Chief by a unanimous  
7 vote, and he has ably fulfilled the myriad duties of this pivotal  
8 role since his inauguration on January 1, 1995; and

9           WHEREAS, Chief Oscola has diligently served his people  
10 throughout his lifetime; in addition to his tenure as Chief, he has  
11 officiated as Second Chief, and he has given of his noted leadership  
12 skills as an elected member of the Tribal Council for four terms and  
13 as an elder in the Presbyterian Church; moreover, he has made a  
14 concerted effort to share the rich history and traditions of his  
15 culture by speaking in local schools and making public appearances  
16 in behalf of his tribe; and

17           WHEREAS, When not engaged with his responsibilities as Chief,  
18 this retiree of Champion Paper International enjoys weaving baskets  
19 of split river cane and pine needles; he also played for more than  
20 30 years in the fast pitch softball circuit, where he was known for  
21 his fear-invoking rising fast ball; and

22           WHEREAS, The husband of Ethelyn, Chief Oscola is the father  
23 of four, the grandfather of 10, and the great-grandfather of two;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, Chief Oscola has led a life filled with significant  
2 achievements and meaningful service to others, and it is a great  
3 pleasure to join his many friends and admirers in wishing him well;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Oscola Clayton M. Sylestine  
7 on his 75th birthday and extend to him best wishes for the future;  
8 and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Chief Oscola as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.