

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A legendary athlete who has embraced a second career  
2 as a spiritual leader, Pastor George Foreman is being honored for 30  
3 years of inspired evangelistic service with a special celebration  
4 on March 17, 2007, in Houston; and

5           WHEREAS, Ordained in 1977, George Foreman is well known for  
6 twice winning the world heavyweight boxing championship, yet it is  
7 in his role as pastor that he has had a most profound effect on his  
8 community; and

9           WHEREAS, Born in Marshall on January 10, 1949, George Foreman  
10 won an Olympic gold medal in 1968 and then claimed the world  
11 heavyweight title in 1973 by defeating Smokin' Joe Frazier; after  
12 losing the crown to Muhammad Ali the following year in the epic  
13 "Rumble in the Jungle," the former champ retired from the ring in  
14 1978 after experiencing a spiritual conversion; he later became the  
15 pastor of the Church of Lord Jesus Christ in Houston, where he still  
16 preaches today, and also founded the George Foreman Youth and  
17 Community Center to aid local residents; and

18           WHEREAS, Pastor Foreman's unprecedented boxing comeback at  
19 the age of 37 reintroduced the heavyweight to the world as a changed  
20 man with a jovial presence in the ring; in 1994, at the age of 45, he  
21 shocked boxing fans everywhere by regaining the heavyweight title  
22 with a knockout victory over Michael Moorer more than two decades  
23 after claiming his first world title; and

24           WHEREAS, Despite his dramatic return to the top of the boxing

1 world and his fame as the promoter of the George Foreman grill,  
2 Pastor Foreman has remained true to his spiritual ideals and his  
3 fellow congregants at the Church of Lord Jesus Christ, and his  
4 ability to impact the lives of others from the pulpit has proved as  
5 inspirational and effective as his accomplishments inside the  
6 boxing ring; now, therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend George Foreman for his 30 years of  
9 evangelical service and extend best wishes to him for many more  
10 years of success in that endeavor; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Pastor Foreman as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 752

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 752 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House