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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ronald J. Barker of Houston has been elected
2 president of the Piney Woods Chapter of the Texas Society of the
3 Sons of the American Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker is a native of San Francisco who served
5 this nation as a fighter pilot in the United States Navy from 1968
6 to 1972, during which time he flew F-4 Phantoms off the USS
7 *Forrestal*; he has an MBA from Santa Clara University, and he and his
8 wife, Conni, have two children and three grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker is a descendant of Daniel Davis, a
10 rifleman who served in the Virginia militia under General Daniel
11 Morgan during the American Revolution; in 1999 Mr. Barker joined
12 the Sons of the American Revolution, and he became a Texan himself
13 when Hewlett-Packard transferred him to Houston in 2003; as an
14 active member of the Piney Woods Chapter of the organization's
15 Texas Society, he is currently the state chairman of the JROTC/ROTC
16 awards committee; and

17 WHEREAS, The Sons of the American Revolution was founded on
18 July 4, 1876, in San Francisco, as a fraternal organization for men
19 who are lineal descendents of men and women who fought for America's
20 liberty in the revolution; today, the national organization boasts
21 500 chapters worldwide and has 26,000 members; the Texas Society is
22 the largest state society with 47 active chapters and more than
23 2,300 members; and

24 WHEREAS, The Piney Woods Chapter of the TXSSAR was chartered

1 on February 3, 1994, with 15 original members; now drawing 75
2 members from the Houston metropolitan area, the chapter sponsors 13
3 awards in local high schools honoring the Junior ROTC; it also
4 sponsors the Eagle Scout Award program, the Knight Historical Essay
5 Contest, the James Looney Elementary School Poster Contest, the
6 Fire Safety Commendation Medal, and the Law Enforcement Medal;
7 moreover, chapter members field a Revolutionary War Color Guard for
8 parades, civic ceremonies, and school events in the Houston area;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, With his swearing in on March 13, 2007, Mr. Barker
11 has embarked on an exciting new role leading the members of this
12 notable organization in remembering and commemorating the founding
13 ideals of our nation and in serving their communities proudly and
14 selflessly; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Ronald J. Barker on his election as
17 president of the Piney Woods Chapter of the Texas Society of the
18 Sons of the American Revolution and extend to him best wishes for
19 continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Barker as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.