

By: Hill

H.R. No. 919

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Jim Jackson of House District 115
2 wasn't born yesterday, and the members of this chamber take great
3 pleasure in acknowledging that fact and honoring him on the joyous
4 occasion of his 68th birthday, March 20, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of North Texas,
6 Representative Jackson is now serving his second term in the Texas
7 House of Representatives; nicknamed "Univac" in a previous life for
8 his ability to beat budget officers bearing calculators to the
9 punch while armed with only a legal pad and his trusty No. 2 pencil,
10 Mr. Jackson is highly valued for his expertise on the
11 Redistricting, Appropriations, and Public Health Committees, the
12 latter of which he serves as chair of budget and oversight; and

13 WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant brings to his service
14 in the house a resume as long and sweeping as the Rio Grande and one
15 that's just plain riddled with accomplishment; from his 30 years as
16 a county commissioner in Dallas County to his service as head of a
17 passel of boards, commissions, and councils, this guy has a
18 reputation for getting the job done, although he's not adverse to
19 having a little fun along the way; and

20 WHEREAS, Examples of his merriment abound and include such
21 gems as the recurring memo he's been known to send out with a
22 missing page one that tells the recipients on the top of page two
23 that he's not sure he will ever be able to forgive them; another
24 incident that at least one county judge will never forget is when

1 Mr. Jackson and a co-conspirator planted a mastodon bone at a county
2 construction project with a tight timeline, an escapade for which
3 they also conjured up a fake news crew and the prospect of an
4 arriving archeological team to add another layer of drama to the
5 find; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite his unique sense of humor, Mr. Jackson has
7 earned a veritable treasure trove of honors and managed to win the
8 heart of a woman who has shared his life now for nearly 48 years, his
9 devoted wife, Sue; a man with excellent legal representation as
10 well, he is the father of two attorneys, Brad and LeAnne, and the
11 doting grandfather of twins Pierce and Vivian, and Garrett, all of
12 whom rightfully think their grandpa hung the moon; and

13 WHEREAS, With half of this session still ahead, it is a relief
14 to know that Jim Jackson is on the job, ready to dig in and do what's
15 necessary to ensure a successful and, no doubt, memorable session;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Jim Jackson on his
19 birthday and extend to him heartfelt good wishes for all the best in
20 the coming year.