

By: Hopson

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lynn Cardwell Vincent has diligently served the  
2 customers of First State Bank & Trust Company of Carthage for 50  
3 years, and this milestone offers a fitting opportunity to pay  
4 tribute to the career and achievements of this distinguished bank  
5 executive and civic leader; and

6           WHEREAS, A graduate of Carthage High School, Mr. Vincent's  
7 employment at First State Bank & Trust dates to the summer of 1957,  
8 when he was 19 years old; he began by sweeping floors and performing  
9 odd jobs, and did so for no pay, but his conscientious work earned  
10 him the respect of bank owner B. F. Payne, who promoted Mr. Vincent  
11 to the job of teller at the end of the summer; this hard-working  
12 young man continued his duties at the bank while earning degrees  
13 from Panola Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, In the years that followed, Mr. Vincent learned the  
16 banking business from the ground up and rose through a series of  
17 positions to assume the highest levels of management; following two  
18 cashier assignments, he took on the responsibilities of vice  
19 president in 1969 and bank director in 1970; promoted to senior vice  
20 president in 1985, he became the president of First State Bank &  
21 Trust in 1990 and has continued to lead the institution ever since;  
22 in all of his positions, Lynn Vincent has demonstrated a genuine  
23 commitment to his customers and has met the challenges of his  
24 profession with a combination of hard work and insightful knowledge

1 that resulted from his familiarity with the local community and its  
2 banking needs; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Vincent has shown a similar devotion to the  
4 civic affairs of Carthage and the surrounding area; a prominent  
5 member of the county chamber of commerce for more than 40 years, he  
6 has also filled leadership positions with the Panola County  
7 Development Foundation, the Jaycees, the Panola County  
8 Ambassadors, the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Rotary  
9 Club, where he has twice served as president; a strong supporter of  
10 area schools, he has worked with the Carthage Education Foundation,  
11 serving as its director at large, and has donated his time and  
12 talents to groups such as the American Cancer Society, the  
13 Salvation Army, and the United Way; and

14 WHEREAS, Lynn Vincent's contributions have been recognized  
15 with a number of honors; he has twice been given the School Bell  
16 Award and was named an Outstanding Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow  
17 by Rotary International; in 1980, this exceptional civic leader was  
18 named Panola County Citizen of the Year; in all of his activities,  
19 he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Carol Anderson  
20 Vincent, their three children, and two grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, A resident who is immensely proud of the East Texas  
22 area he calls home, Mr. Vincent has dedicated himself to bettering  
23 his community through both his professional and personal endeavors,  
24 and his enduring presence in the area's business and civic affairs  
25 has greatly enhanced the prosperity and quality of life in Panola  
26 County; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor Lynn Cardwell Vincent for his 50 years of  
2 service at First State Bank & Trust Company of Carthage and commend  
3 him for his many contributions to the local area; and, be it further

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