

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Louie Welch has significantly  
2 contributed to the betterment of Houston and the Lone Star State as  
3 a longtime civic and professional leader, and his remarkable  
4 achievements are most deserving of commendation; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in 1918 in Lockney, Mr. Welch served as a  
6 Houston councilman-at-large before being elected mayor in 1964;  
7 during his time in office, Mayor Welch was instrumental in the  
8 completion of several major projects, including Lake Livingston,  
9 the Houston Intercontinental Airport, and the civic center complex,  
10 and he initiated numerous others, including the central library,  
11 the first city-owned ambulance service, Tranquility Park, and an  
12 early effort to transform Buffalo Bayou; since stepping down in  
13 1973, he remains the only Houston mayor to have served five  
14 consecutive terms and leave office undefeated, earning him the  
15 title of mayor emeritus; and

16           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has continued to distinguish  
17 himself through his leadership in such noteworthy organizations as  
18 the Houston Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president and  
19 CEO for more than a decade, the Texas Business Development Job  
20 Creation Task Force and International Committee, and the Foundation  
21 for Business, Politics and Economics; moreover, he served as chair  
22 of the Texas Film Commission Advisory Council and the Texas Water  
23 Development Board, and he continues to serve as a trustee of Abilene  
24 Christian University; the recipient of five honorary doctorates, he

1 has been further recognized with decorations from the Kingdom of  
2 Belgium, the Italian Republic, and the Emperor of Japan; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Welch enjoyed more than 50 years of marriage to  
4 the former Iola Faye Cure, with whom he raised five children, before  
5 her passing in 1991; finding love again, he married Helen Morales,  
6 and the couple have since shared some 15 years; in addition, he is  
7 the proud grandfather of 15 grandchildren and four  
8 great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, The dedication and vision of Louie Welch have made a  
10 positive difference in the lives of countless citizens, and his  
11 exemplary record of public service will continue to inspire others  
12 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby honor Louie Welch on his remarkable civic and  
15 professional achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
16 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mr. Welch as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1812

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1812 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House