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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Retired Midwestern State University professor Joe
2 Warndof of Wichita Falls is observing a significant occasion in his
3 life with the celebration of his 69th birthday on May 4, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Born May 4, 1938, to Colonel Charles R. Warndof and
5 Mary Boykin Warndof, Professor Warndof is the grandson of Viennese
6 financier Fritz Waerndorfer, who was a cofounder of the famed
7 Vienna Werkstatte in Austria; and

8 WHEREAS, Graduating with a bachelor's degree in physics from
9 Arkansas Polytechnic College, Joe Warndof also earned a master's
10 degree in mathematics from North Texas State University; and

11 WHEREAS, His dissertation, "Topologies Uniquely Determined
12 by Their Continuous Self-Maps," was published in 1969 in *Fundamenta*
13 *Mathematicae*, the prestigious mathematical journal of the Polish
14 Academy of Sciences; his 1988 paper, "On Using Prime Numbers for
15 Public Key Encryption Systems," coauthored with Professor Dennis
16 Huthnance, has been influential as cryptography moved into the
17 computer age and is referenced at the National Security Agency
18 National Cryptologic Museum in Washington, D.C.; and

19 WHEREAS, From 1969 until his retirement in 2005, Professor
20 Warndof distinguished himself as a professor in the Department of
21 Mathematics at Midwestern State University; over the course of his
22 36-year career at MSU, Professor Warndof inspired countless
23 students who have gone on to become professors, computer
24 scientists, engineers, military professionals, and others whose

1 work has strengthened the Lone Star State and the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, Professor Warndof has likewise been active in his
3 profession through his membership in the National Association of
4 Mathematicians and the Texas Association of College Teachers; he
5 has been blessed in his personal life with the love and support of
6 his wife of 41 years, Ruth, with whom he has shared a lifelong
7 passion for classical music and opera and the joy of parenting their
8 beloved daughter, Donna; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Joe Warndof has greatly
10 contributed to his field, his students, and his nation, and it is a
11 pleasure to honor him on his myriad achievements; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Professor Joe Warndof on his 69th
15 birthday and extend to him best wishes for continued happiness;
16 and, be it further

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