

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the U.S. Small Business
2 Administration has recognized outstanding small business owners
3 for their contributions to the nation's economy during National
4 Small Business Week; and

5 WHEREAS, The SBA Houston District Office, which serves 32
6 counties and some 350,000 businesses, is honoring 10 outstanding
7 individuals on May 11, 2007, at the Small Business Week Awards
8 Luncheon; the event is being sponsored by the Houston chapter of
9 SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education
10 and the formation, growth, and success of the nation's small
11 businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Tucker has been named the Veteran Small Business
13 Champion of the Year; a graduate of West Point, Mr. Tucker served
14 his country in Germany as a member of the U.S. Army and retired from
15 the military with the rank of captain; in the ensuing years he
16 amassed an impressive resume in business while living in Europe;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In 2004 Mr. Tucker purchased a Houston company,
19 Graco Awards, one of the world's leading manufacturers of medals,
20 badges, service ribbons, and distinctive unit insignia for the U.S.
21 military, federal agencies, and state National Guard and ROTC
22 organizations; under his leadership, the company has nearly doubled
23 in size and has expanded its services; he strives to hire veterans
24 and work with veteran-owned businesses, and his support and

1 advocacy of his fellow servicemen and women have included efforts
2 with the University of Houston and other local educational
3 institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and
5 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides
6 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to
7 the economic vitality of their communities through their
8 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Tom Tucker on his selection as the
11 2007 Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year by the Houston
12 District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and
13 extend to him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Tucker as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1904

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1904 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House