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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has benefited greatly from
2 Michael G. Rutherford's service as a member and as vice chair of the
3 Texas Racing Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Mr.
5 Rutherford is the president of Rutherford Oil Corporation, an
6 independent oil and gas producing company founded in 1927; he is
7 also the owner of ranches in Hays and Frio Counties; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutherford has long been a notable figure in the
9 world of horse breeding and racing; he has raced thoroughbred
10 stakes winners in New York, California, Kentucky, Arkansas,
11 Louisiana, Florida, Maryland, and Texas, including the North
12 American International High Weight filly, Lakeway, in 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1986 he sold the highest priced thoroughbred
14 yearling filly in the United States, and in 2000 he sold the highest
15 priced thoroughbred yearling colt at the Keeneland Select Yearling
16 Sale; and

17 WHEREAS, His service to the horse racing and breeding
18 community includes his 15-year tenure as director of the American
19 Quarter Horse Association; he has also been a judge for 14 years for
20 the AQHA, director of the Breeders' Cup, and director of the Texas
21 Thoroughbred Breeders Association; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Racing Commission oversees the racing
23 industry in Texas in order to ensure safe racing facilities, fair
24 and honest races, and a consistent revenue stream to the state; Mr.

1 Rutherford's tenure on the commission represents a generous gift of
2 time, energy, and expertise to the State of Texas and truly merits
3 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Michael G. Rutherford for his years of
6 service to the Texas Racing Commission and extend to him best wishes
7 for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Rutherford as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.