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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 87th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and D. L. Willis of Midland is observing this
3 significant milestone on May 21, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1920, "Dally" Willis has served as the
5 full-time lobbyist for the Communication Workers of America, the
6 Texas AFL-CIO, and the statewide labor movement for more than 45
7 years, during which time he has seen such notable victories as the
8 preservation of the Austin State Hospital, several state employee
9 pay raises, and increased state contribution to employee health
10 care; his friendly smile has endeared him to house members on both
11 sides of the aisle, as have his trademark stickers, which recognize
12 occasions from Valentine's Day to bluebonnet season and are often
13 found on the lapels of representatives and their staff; and

14 WHEREAS, Keeping close watch on legislative activity, Mr.
15 Willis spends much of his time traversing the corridors of the
16 Capitol, where he still prefers the stairs to the elevator and
17 where, over the course of his tenure, he has witnessed history
18 unfold; and

19 WHEREAS, This World War II veteran has further distinguished
20 himself as leader of the Permian Basin Central Labor Union, for
21 which he coordinates volunteer activities, public relations, and
22 education and legislative activity, and he continues to make annual
23 trips to Washington, D.C., to lobby the U.S. Congress on behalf of
24 the Texas CWA; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Willis has inspired countless people with his
2 devotion to hardworking Texans and the labor movement, and his
3 birthday provides a welcome opportunity to honor him on his
4 outstanding achievements; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dally Willis on the occasion of his
7 87th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
8 success and happiness; and, be it further

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