

By: Hughes

H.R. No. 2875

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Renowned philanthropist Harold C. Simmons of Dallas
2 has made generous gifts to the Alba-Golden Independent School
3 District and to his hometown of Golden; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Golden, Mr. Simmons's father served as
5 Superintendent of Golden Schools where his mother also taught; Mr.
6 Simmons earned bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from
7 The University of Texas at Austin and subsequently enjoyed a career
8 in banking and business; in the early 1970s, he became a highly
9 successful investor, acquiring control of several publicly traded
10 companies, and he has since established himself as a major
11 benefactor of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
12 at Dallas, the Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Parkland
13 Memorial Hospital, and the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Foundation, to
14 name but a few of the worthwhile institutions he has supported; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons remains dedicated to the success of his
16 hometown as well, and his April 2006 donation of more than \$1.7
17 million to Alba-Golden ISD was accomplished through the transfer of
18 23,700 shares of Titanium Metals Corporation stock; this gift is
19 earmarked for the construction of a four-court tennis complex and a
20 new field house, and Mr. Simmons specified that leftover funds
21 could be used as the district deemed necessary; this substantial
22 contribution followed just one year after he gave \$100,000 for the
23 installation of a new heating and air-conditioning system in the
24 Alba-Golden Elementary School gym; and

1 WHEREAS, A tireless and faithful supporter of the Golden
2 Sweet Potato Festival, Mr. Simmon's most recent gift to the people
3 of Golden is the Harold Simmons Community Center, a beautiful
4 facility in downtown Golden which is available for civic events,
5 family reunions, church gatherings, and other worthwhile uses; and

6 WHEREAS, Those individuals who step forward to share their
7 resources with others are indeed deserving of our profound
8 admiration and gratitude, and it is most appropriate to honor Mr.
9 Simmons for his benevolent support of Alba-Golden ISD and the
10 people of Golden; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend Harold C. Simmons for his remarkable
13 gifts to the Alba-Golden Independent School District, the community
14 of Golden, and his extraordinary contributions in behalf of his
15 fellow Texans; and, be it further

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