RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable George E. West is a man of courage, 2 conviction, strong ideals, and great faith, and he has demonstrated

these admirable qualities throughout his notable career in public

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WHEREAS, "Buddy" West was elected to the Texas House of

Representatives in 1992; currently a member of the House Committees

on Environmental Regulation and Law Enforcement, he has chaired the

8 House Committee on Energy Resources and served as vice chair of

Appropriations and as a member of the House Committee on

10 Transportation; and

11 WHEREAS, He distinguished himself during a 30-year tenure

with Amoco Production Company and became an expert in the fields of

industry health, safety, and environmental issues; he was asked to

chair the Energy Council and the Oil Field Cleanup Advisory

15 Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Attending college later in life, Representative

West became a beneficiary of the investment made by the State of

Texas in higher education; he earned a bachelor of business

administration degree from The University of Texas of the Permian

Basin, and he continues to be a steadfast proponent of higher

education development opportunities in West Texas and across the

22 state; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Texas Legislature, Representative

24 West has held membership in the House Rural Caucus, Texas

- 1 Legislative Sportsman Caucus, Texas Conservative Coalition,
- 2 Council of State Governments, National Conference of State
- 3 Legislatures, and American Legislative Exchange Council; in
- 4 addition, he founded the Child Pornography Task Force to combat the
- 5 exploitation of innocent children; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Desiring to enhance the quality of life for his
- 7 fellow citizens, Buddy West is involved in numerous organizations,
- 8 including the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Odessa
- 9 Rotary Club, the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, and the First Baptist
- 10 Church of Odessa; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Representative West is a dedicated family man;
- 12 married to his childhood sweetheart, Shirley, for 51 years, he is a
- 13 dedicated father and father-in-law to Richie West, Lori and Wade
- 14 Bennington, and Ami and Scott Satterwhite, and is a proud
- 15 grandfather to Kelsee and Shelby West, Baylee Bennington, and
- 16 Scotty, Lexi, Landon, and Laci Satterwhite; and
- WHEREAS, Buddy West continues to make a positive impact on
- 18 the people and institutions of his community and state, and his
- 19 service stands as an example of civic involvement that all can
- 20 admire; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That in the days ahead, as he undergoes medical
- 22 evaluation, the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable George E. "Buddy" West for
- 24 his exemplary public service thus far and wish him nothing but the
- 25 best of health and happiness during the interim; and, be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for Representative West as an expression of high regard by
- 3 his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2993 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House