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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable George E. West is a man of courage,  
2 conviction, strong ideals, and great faith, and he has demonstrated  
3 these admirable qualities throughout his notable career in public  
4 service; and

5           WHEREAS, "Buddy" West was elected to the Texas House of  
6 Representatives in 1992; currently a member of the House Committees  
7 on Environmental Regulation and Law Enforcement, he has chaired the  
8 House Committee on Energy Resources, served as vice chair of  
9 Appropriations, and as a member of the House Committee on  
10 Transportation; and

11           WHEREAS, he distinguished himself during a 30-year tenure  
12 with Amoco Production Company and became an expert in the fields of  
13 industry health, safety, and environmental issues; he was asked to  
14 chair the Energy Council and the Oil Field Cleanup Advisory  
15 Committee; and

16           WHEREAS, attending college later in life, Representative  
17 West became a beneficiary of the investment made by the State of  
18 Texas in higher education; he earned a bachelor of business  
19 administration degree from The University of Texas of the Permian  
20 Basin, and he continues to be a steadfast proponent of higher  
21 education development opportunities in West Texas and across the  
22 state; and

23           WHEREAS, As a member of the Texas Legislature, Representative  
24 West has held membership in the House Rural Caucus, the Texas

1 Legislative Sportsman Caucus, the Texas Conservative Coalition, a  
2 member of the Council of State Governments, National Conference of  
3 State 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; 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

17 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, that 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

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Representative West as an expression of high regard by

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1 his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.