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H.R. No. 51

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chair of the board and chief executive officer of  
2 Texas Bank and Trust, Rogers Pope, Sr., was honored by the Texas  
3 Bankers Association, which presented him with the 50-Year Banker  
4 Award in May 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Pope began his notable career half a century ago  
6 as a management trainee at the First National Bank in Dallas; he  
7 later was vice president and director of the First State Bank of  
8 Overton and worked for the international accounting firm of Peat,  
9 Marwick, Mitchell & Company as a certified public accountant before  
10 joining Longview Bank and Trust as a vice president and commercial  
11 loan officer in 1969; he became president of the bank in 1970, and  
12 in 1975 he was named chair; and

13 WHEREAS, A native of Overton, Mr. Pope graduated first in his  
14 class from Baylor University and summa cum laude from Southern  
15 Methodist University, where he earned his MBA; he went on to  
16 graduate with distinction from the Southwest Graduate School of  
17 Banking; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities at Texas Bank  
19 and Trust, Mr. Pope is chair of the board of First State Bank of Van,  
20 Lindale State Bank, and First State Bank of Overton; he has also  
21 served on the board of TIB, the Independent Bankers Bank, in Dallas;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has served on the board of  
24 regents of Baylor University and on the board of trustees of

1 LeTourneau University, where he was chair of the board for three  
2 terms; he currently chairs the board of the Bruce McMillan  
3 Foundation, a philanthropic organization in Overton; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pope has further served as president of the  
5 Longview Partnership and the Longview Rotary Club; his  
6 contributions have been honored with the Chairman's Award from the  
7 Longview Partnership, the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club,  
8 the Henry O. Gossett Award from LeTourneau University, and the East  
9 Texas Heritage Award; and

10 WHEREAS, For five decades, Rogers Pope has served his  
11 industry and community with dedication and integrity, and it is a  
12 pleasure to honor him on his latest achievement; now, therefore, be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Rogers Pope,  
16 Sr., on earning the 50-Year Banker Award from the Texas Bankers  
17 Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Pope as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.