

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former state representative David Counts has been a
2 committed Freemason for nearly half a century, and his work in
3 behalf of that notable organization is truly worthy of special
4 recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Counts became a Master Mason in 1961 and went on
6 to serve as Worshipful Master of Orient Lodge No. 905 in 1970, 2003,
7 and 2004; along the way, his efforts were acknowledged by his fellow
8 Masons with the Golden Trowel Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Counts was appointed District Deputy Grand
10 Master for District No. 91 in 1972; he has belonged to a host of
11 Masonic groups in the Lone Star State, and he has served the Grand
12 Lodge as Grand Orator, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Senior
13 Warden; currently, he holds the prestigious title of Most
14 Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
15 Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, A graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General
17 Staff College, Mr. Counts joined the Texas Army National Guard and
18 retired as a colonel after more than three decades of service; the
19 founder and owner of Counts Real Estate and president and chair of
20 Chap Operating, Inc., an oil production company, Mr. Counts has
21 also made time in his busy schedule to benefit many worthy
22 organizations and institutions, including the Knox City Lions Club
23 and Chamber of Commerce, Hardin-Simmons University, and the
24 Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; moreover, he has greatly

1 benefited others as a member of the Texas Legislature, sharing his
2 expertise on a wide range of issues during his seven terms in the
3 house; and

4 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of service, David
5 Counts has significantly contributed to Freemasonry in the Lone
6 Star State and, in so doing, he has earned the admiration and
7 appreciation of all who know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor David Counts for his many years of service
10 as a Freemason and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
11 success in all of his endeavors; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Counts as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

Aycock
Chisum

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 282

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 282 was adopted by the House on
February 10, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House