

By: Turner of Harris

H.R. No. 456

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 17, 2009, our esteemed colleague Harold
2 V. Dutton, Jr., is celebrating his 64th birthday, making this the
3 perfect occasion to recognize his outstanding record of service to
4 the people of House District 142 and to all Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Houston's Fifth Ward, Representative
6 Dutton is a graduate of Phillis Wheatley High School; he earned his
7 bachelor's degree in accounting from Texas Southern University,
8 where he has since been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the
9 School of Business; he received his law degree from the Thurgood
10 Marshall School of Law and is now a member of the school's adjunct
11 faculty; and

12 WHEREAS, In his professional life, Representative Dutton has
13 made his mark as executive director of the Julia C. Hester House, as
14 a corporate planner and economic analyst for Conoco, as president
15 of Four Star Broadcasting, and as an attorney specializing in civil
16 rights and employment discrimination; he is a member of the Texas
17 Bar Association, the Houston Bar Association, the Texas Trial
18 Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Dutton's numerous legislative
20 accomplishments include sponsoring the first statutory program in
21 Texas to assist women-owned and minority-owned businesses,
22 enhancing public education, and creating incentives to increase the
23 availability and affordability of insurance in traditionally
24 underserved areas; furthermore, he has sponsored legislation that

1 has enabled former offenders to regain the right to vote after
2 serving their sentences, strengthened the right of parents to
3 discipline their children, revamped the juvenile justice system,
4 and established the state's annual tax holiday; and

5 WHEREAS, Frequently honored for his accomplishments,
6 Representative Dutton was named an Outstanding Young Man of America
7 early in his career, and he has been lauded by the *Houston Forward*
8 *Times*, the Houston Police Officers Association, the American Civil
9 Liberties Union, the Texas Women's Political Caucus, the Harris
10 County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, the Afro American Sheriff's
11 Deputy League, the *Hispanic Journal*, and the U.S. Small Business
12 Administration; he is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a
13 32nd degree Mason; and

14 WHEREAS, Harold Dutton, Jr., has made many significant
15 contributions to the work of this chamber through his 13 terms in
16 office, and as he prepares to celebrate his birthday, it is indeed
17 appropriate to honor him for his service; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Harold V. Dutton,
20 Jr., on the occasion of his 64th birthday and extend to him sincere
21 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Representative Dutton as an expression of high regard
24 by the Texas House of Representatives.