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H.R. No. 522

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kerry Gilbert has been named the 2008 Katy Area
2 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, The Citizen of the Year award is given to
4 individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and a
5 strong desire to give back to the local community; and

6 WHEREAS, A Houston native, Kerry Gilbert graduated from
7 Spring Branch High School and studied architecture at the
8 University of Houston; he took a position with the City of Houston
9 Planning and Development Department after graduation and worked his
10 way up to assistant director; while with the department, Mr.
11 Gilbert undertook and completed a project to establish planning
12 ordinances for Houston, at that time the largest U.S. city without
13 zoning statutes; this work was recognized in the *New York Times*, and
14 he was named Planner of the Year by the American Planning
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert cofounded the firm Kerry R. Gilbert &
17 Associates in 1985 and focused on large land planning projects in
18 Katy; this innovative and enterprising businessman has been a part
19 of nearly every major residential development in the area, and he
20 has also worked closely with the school district to create quality
21 educational facilities for the city's residents; and

22 WHEREAS, Kerry Gilbert has played a large and positive role
23 in shaping the city of Katy through his tireless efforts as a
24 planner and developer, and his outstanding work has been duly

1 recognized with this prestigious citizenship award; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Kerry Gilbert on his selection as
5 the 2008 Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and
6 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Gilbert as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.