

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Albert H. Burns has dedicated much of his life to
2 serving his fellow citizens and making notable contributions in
3 behalf of his beloved hometown; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Tenaha on September 30, 1924, Albert Burns
5 was raised in that East Texas community and graduated from Tenaha
6 High School in 1942; soon thereafter, he answered his nation's call
7 to duty, and at the age of 18, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and
8 was stationed in such locales as North Africa and Austria during
9 World War II; on his discharge from the military, he returned to the
10 Lone Star State and settled in Tenaha; through the years, he worked
11 as a real estate broker, a businessman in the timber industry, and a
12 rural mail carrier, and he was the publisher and editor of a weekly
13 newspaper for Tenaha and the surrounding areas, the *East Texas*
14 *Light*; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Mr. Burns has
16 found the time to distinguish himself through his community
17 involvement, earning the nickname "Mr. Tenaha"; he has served as
18 president of the Tenaha Businessmen's Association and of the board
19 of the Tenaha Independent School District, and he is a deacon at the
20 First Baptist Church of Tenaha; in addition, he has been affiliated
21 with the American Legion Post and has held positions in municipal
22 government; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is a steward of the history and
24 culture of Tenaha, and for his efforts, he has garnered praise from

1 the Shelby County Historical Society; Mr. Burns was also honored
2 with the Community Builder Award from the Tenaha Masonic Lodge, the
3 Man of the Year and 100 Men of East Texas designations, and
4 induction into the Tenaha Schools Hall of Fame; moreover, in 1996,
5 he received U.S. Congressional special community recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Burns enjoys the love
7 and support of his family; devoted to his wife, the late Virginia
8 Burns, throughout a marriage that spanned nearly six decades, he is
9 the proud father of three children, Linda, Bob, and Barry; he has
10 also known the joy of welcoming six grandchildren and two
11 great-grandchildren into the world; and

12 WHEREAS, A kind and generous man, Albert Burns is an
13 inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know him, and he may
14 indeed reflect with great pride on the positive impact he has had on
15 his community; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Albert H. Burns for his outstanding civic
18 engagement and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
19 happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 558

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 558 was adopted by the House on
February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House