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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.