

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 70th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and William Dair Power of Marshall is
3 commemorating this important milestone on February 23, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1939, "Buddy" Power was born to Earl Dair and
5 Irene Power in Harrison County, where six generations of the Power
6 family have lived; as a young boy of 12, he was spared from a fatal
7 automobile accident and he committed his life to Christ; he began
8 working at an early age and went on to graduate from Marshall High
9 School in 1958, immediately joining the Texas Highway Department as
10 a party chief and later working in engineering; he answered his
11 nation's call to duty and served in the U.S. Army until 1962; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Power was employed by ALCOA as a Planner during
13 the 1960s, and in 1972 he followed in his father's footsteps and
14 entered the grocery business, becoming the owner and operator of
15 Power Grocery; he later organized rural transportation and Meals on
16 Wheels service for citizens all across Northeast Texas; seeing his
17 neighbors in need of water service, Mr. Power purchased Rolling
18 Acres Water Supply, and later used the expertise he had gained there
19 to modernize and expand Leigh Water Supply, providing quality water
20 and extending service to several hundred residents of Harrison
21 County; and

22 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Power began serving
23 on the County Commissioners Court for Precinct 2 in 1983 and held
24 the position for more than a decade; he was elected to his first

1 term as a Marshall City Commissioner in 2007, and the following year
2 he was elected by his colleagues as Commission Chair, a position
3 commonly referred to as Mayor of Marshall; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Power has also taken on leadership roles with
5 numerous other civic organizations and committees, including the
6 North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association,
7 which he served as Chairman, the Texas Independence Express Depot
8 Restoration Committee, the State Sesquicentennial Committee, the
9 Cypress Valley Navigation District, which he served as Chairman,
10 and the State of Texas County Judges and Commissioners Legislative
11 Affairs Committee, which he served as Chairman; and

12 WHEREAS, Burdened by the number of juveniles being
13 incarcerated alongside hardened criminals in Texas jails, Mr. Power
14 worked with the Governor to develop alternatives to house and
15 rehabilitate juvenile offenders; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Power has served his Lord and his community
17 faithfully for decades, working in the background to help those in
18 need, and he is a valued member of Central Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Power enjoys the love
20 and support of his wife of more than 30 years, Diana, and the
21 couple's three children, Leslie, Bill, and Cherry; moreover, he has
22 taken great pleasure in welcoming into his family six
23 grandchildren, Victoria, Brooke, Shelby, Nikki, Justin, and
24 Jonathan; and

25 WHEREAS, Buddy Power has made lasting contributions to the
26 city of Marshall, and he has justly garnered the respect and
27 admiration of his neighbors, friends, and colleagues; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor William Dair "Buddy" Power on the occasion
4 of his 70th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for
5 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 581

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 581 was adopted by the House on
February 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House