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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.