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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John W. Cooper has been inducted into the Odessa  
2 Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, and this occasion provides a  
3 fitting opportunity to honor this esteemed Texan; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on June 28, 1925, John Cooper  
5 went on to graduate from Alamo Heights High School and to earn a  
6 bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University;  
7 answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the U.S. Army and  
8 served as an officer in the Philippines during World War II; in  
9 1947, he married Doris Couch in Gainesville, and the couple were  
10 blessed with two children, Deborah and John; they later shared the  
11 joy of welcoming four grandchildren into their treasured family;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Since 1952, Mr. Cooper has owned a general  
14 construction business in Odessa, and his company has built numerous  
15 schools, churches, manufacturing plants, and other structures in  
16 Texas, New Mexico, and other states; in addition, Mr. Cooper has  
17 served as president of the West Texas chapter of the Associated  
18 General Contractors of America, as well as the Kiwanis Club of  
19 Odessa, the Odessa Country Club, and the Midland-Odessa Symphony  
20 and Chorale; he has also volunteered his time as a board member of  
21 the Salvation Army, United Way, Permian Playhouse, Odessa Boys Club  
22 Foundation, and Seabury Center, and he has been a faithful  
23 congregant of St. John's Episcopal Church for more than five  
24 decades; and

1           WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community and his profession, John  
2 Cooper has garnered the lasting respect and admiration of his  
3 fellow residents, and he may indeed reflect with great pride on his  
4 civic contributions; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate John W. Cooper on his induction  
7 into the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame and extend to him  
8 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
9 further

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