By: Deshotel H.R. No. 1056

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Don Pumphrey of Beaumont has been selected as Person 1 2 of the Year for 2008 by Quota International of Southeast Texas; and 3 WHEREAS, A native of Beaumont and a graduate of Lamar University, Mr. Pumphrey has worked in the electric utility 4 5 industry for 29 years and was a television journalist and personality in the 1970s; he served as community development 6 coordinator for the City of Beaumont from 1974 to 1978 and, 7 beginning in 1979, administered the Project Care senior citizen 8 9 energy assistance program for Gulf States Utilities Company; he currently works as customer service manager for the Entergy Port 10 11 Arthur Network; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Pumphrey is a perennial volunteer in Nederland 13 and Port Arthur, present behind the scenes at countless functions 14 throughout the year; his work in the community has earned him a 15 reputation for integrity, efficiency, and optimism, and he is 16 renowned for his ability to effectively put available resources to 17 use in behalf of area citizens; and

16 renowned for his ability to effectively put available resources to 17 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has been a member of the boards 18 of the St. Anthony Cathedral School, the American Red Cross, the 19 20 March of Dimes, the Southeast Texas Quality Workforce Planning 21 Committee, and the Port Arthur Public School Foundation; moreover, he has served as president of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, 22 23 the North Port Arthur Rotary Club, the Press Club of Southeast Texas, and Boys Haven of America, and as chair of the Nederland 24

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- 1 Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Industries of Southeast Texas and
- 2 Southwest Louisiana, and the Medical Center of Southeast Texas; and
- WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Pumphrey has enjoyed
- 4 the love and support of his wife, the former Elaine Frazier, and
- 5 their children, Nicole and Amy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Don Pumphrey has long demonstrated his dedication to
- 7 improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens, and this
- 8 award justly recognizes him for his generous community efforts;
- 9 now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby congratulate Don Pumphrey on his selection as
- 12 Person of the Year for 2008 by Quota International of Southeast
- 13 Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;
- 14 and, be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 16 prepared for Mr. Pumphrey as an expression of high regard by the
- 17 Texas House of Representatives.