

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Melvin Elton Cowart was named the 2008 Citizen of
2 the Year by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of John and Jessi Jane Cowart, Mel Cowart was
4 born in Oakhurst on February 13, 1927; after graduating from
5 Oakhurst High School in 1944, he went to work at Crown Central
6 Petroleum Corporation, and he enrolled at Sam Houston State
7 University in Huntsville, earning a bachelor's degree in 1948; Mr.
8 Cowart later worked for a finance company in Pasadena before he
9 graduated from South Texas College of Law in 1952; and

10 WHEREAS, Employed by a mortgage services company, Mr. Cowart
11 met his future wife, Mary, in 1955, when she worked as his
12 secretary; the couple were joined in matrimony on November 15,
13 1957, and they welcomed a son, Steven L. Cowart, in 1963; Mr. Cowart
14 operated a private law practice, which he opened in downtown
15 Houston and moved to Pasadena in 1974, and Mrs. Cowart took time off
16 to raise their son, but then continued working alongside her
17 husband as his secretary for nearly five decades; the couple
18 nurtured a fulfilling relationship until Mrs. Cowart's passing in
19 2006; and

20 WHEREAS, Among the local organizations that have benefited
21 from the generosity of Mr. Cowart and his late wife are the Pasadena
22 Independent School District Education Foundation, the Salvation
23 Army, and the YMCA; in addition, Mr. Cowart serves on the boards of
24 the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena and the Pasadena ISD Education

1 Foundation; this esteemed Texan is also the director of Family
2 Promise of East Harris County, a member of the Advisory Council
3 Board of the Salvation Army of East Harris County, and a trustee of
4 the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community and his profession, Mel
6 Cowart is an inspiration to his fellow residents, and his
7 outstanding efforts were duly recognized with the Citizen of the
8 Year designation; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Melvin Elton Cowart for his civic
11 contributions and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Cowart as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1191

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1191 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House