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H.R. No. 1270

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Byron Cook of House District 8 is
2 turning 55 years young on April 8, 2009, providing a welcome
3 opportunity to recognize him for his exceptional leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, Compelled to run for office to better the lives of
5 his fellow Texans and to ensure that Texas remains a great state,
6 Mr. Cook brought keen intelligence, discipline, and admirable
7 people skills to his new role when he became a member of the 78th
8 Texas Legislature in 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Fair, kind, and considerate in all of his dealings,
10 Representative Cook serves as chair of the House Committee on
11 Environmental Regulation, as vice chair of the House Committee on
12 Local and Consent Calendars, and as a member of the calendars and
13 state affairs committees; he previously served as chair of the
14 House Committee on Civil Practices, as vice chair of the economic
15 development and state affairs committees, and as a valued member of
16 the Sunset Advisory Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, This hardworking Texan has earned several
18 significant honors through the years; he was selected as one of the
19 10 best legislators of 2007 by *Texas Monthly* magazine, and he was
20 named the recipient of the prestigious Friends of Medicine Award by
21 the Texas Medical Association; moreover, he was chosen legislator
22 of the month by the Texas Municipal League for his passionate
23 commitment to local government; and

24 WHEREAS, A businessman and rancher by trade, Mr. Cook is a

1 1974 graduate of Navarro College; he is supported in all his
2 endeavors by his wife, Kay, with whom he has shared nearly three
3 decades of marriage and raised two daughters, Ginne and Katie; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Cook has distinguished himself as a
5 straightforward and honest leader who is committed to accomplishing
6 great goals for the people of Navarro, Limestone, Freestone, and
7 Anderson Counties, as well as for all Texans; exemplifying the
8 highest standards of public service, he has justly garnered the
9 respect and admiration of all who are privileged to know him; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Byron Cook on the
13 occasion of his birthday and that he be extended sincere best wishes
14 for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Representative Cook as an expression of high regard by
17 the Texas House of Representatives.