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H.R. No. 1348

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Kevin Petroff is celebrating his 36th birthday on  
2 April 15, 2009, and this event provides a welcome opportunity to  
3 honor this able attorney who has become a familiar presence at the  
4 State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Petroff has been a staffer with the Harris  
6 County District Attorney's Office for more than eight years, and  
7 the 81st Texas Legislature marks the second session in which he has  
8 served as the office's legislative liaison; and

9           WHEREAS, Known to put himself in the hot seat at times during  
10 his visits to the Capitol, he is also personally responsible for  
11 expanding the legislative lexicon as the inspiration for the  
12 expression "getting Petroffed"; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Petroff's status as a pugnacious warrior is not  
14 surprising when we consider his background; like Davy Crockett, he  
15 was born in Tennessee and moved to San Antonio, not to fight at the  
16 Alamo, but instead to attend Trinity University; he then headed to  
17 Houston to complete his studies at the South Texas College of Law  
18 and has been a Harris County resident ever since; and

19           WHEREAS, An individual of many interests, Mr. Petroff is a  
20 big fan of both Bruce Springsteen and Ryan Adams, which helps to  
21 explain why he has been missing in action when these performers made  
22 concert appearances in Texas during the 2009 session; he is even  
23 more obsessed with the Late Night Burger at Katz's, and his  
24 dangerous addiction to the egg-and-beef-bacon-topped sandwich has

1 caused his friends and family to consider staging an intervention;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, He is known affectionately by several names, though  
4 he himself has no affection for any of them; Mr. Petroff has long  
5 despised the nickname "Petey," but he is even more distressed when  
6 acquaintances refer to him as the "Poor Man's Kevin Bacon"; let this  
7 resolution serve notice that, henceforth, neither of these terms  
8 should ever be used again; and

9 WHEREAS, Now older and wiser, Kevin Petroff has certainly  
10 earned his stripes as a highly regarded legal mind and a dedicated  
11 public servant; whether he's here at the Capitol or carrying out his  
12 duties back home in Houston, he has won the lasting respect of his  
13 colleagues and of elected officials from across the state, and he is  
14 indeed deserving of fond wishes on this special day; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
17 Legislature hereby honor Kevin Petroff on his 36th birthday and  
18 commend him for his fine work at the State Capitol; and, be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Petey Petroff as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.