

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 2709

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John Jones of Van Horn has ably served the people of  
2 Culberson County for more than two decades, and he has demonstrated  
3 a lasting commitment to improving his community; and

4           WHEREAS, During his five terms as county commissioner, Mr.  
5 Jones worked with his fellow commissioners to offer abatements to  
6 bring the wind power industry to the county; the commissioners  
7 established a hospital district and served as an interim board of  
8 directors until they could hold elections for the district board;  
9 Mr. Jones also collaborated with other leaders in Van Horn to create  
10 a youth activity center, improve roads, and institute a  
11 mosquito-control program; and

12           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan played a significant role in the  
13 effort to obtain funding for courthouse renovations and helped  
14 sheriffs in their efforts to keep the jail in compliance, purchase  
15 new vehicles and radios, and expand communications capabilities;  
16 during the 1990s, he demonstrated invaluable leadership in guiding  
17 the county through financial turbulence following the closing of a  
18 major industrial facility; moreover, he was instrumental in  
19 procuring grant money for a tire disposal program that resulted in  
20 the removal of more than 4,000 junk tires from the Van Horn area;  
21 after leaving office, he generously consented to continue guiding  
22 the cleanup in 2009, in view of the project's vital importance to  
23 public health; and

24           WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Mr. Jones currently

1 chairs the Culberson County Appraisal Board and serves as vice  
2 chair of the Chihuahuan Desert Resource Conservation and  
3 Development Area, Inc., and as general manager of the Culberson  
4 County Groundwater Conservation District; in addition, he  
5 previously served a term as a city alderman for Van Horn; and

6 WHEREAS, John Jones has made a positive difference in  
7 Culberson County through his numerous significant contributions to  
8 civic life, and he can take justifiable pride in his exemplary  
9 record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor John Jones for his noteworthy public  
12 service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
13 success; and, be it further

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