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H.R. No. 2808

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Johnnie and Joyce Shupak of Frelsburg were named the
2 2008 Citizens of the Year by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally from Industry, Johnnie Shupak answered
4 his nation's call to duty, and he met his future wife, the former
5 Joyce Wostarek, while he was serving in the Vietnam War; the couple
6 were joined in matrimony on April 4, 1971, and settling in Mrs.
7 Shupak's hometown of Frelsburg, they shared the joy of welcoming
8 five children, Charles John, Christopher Dale, Anna Marie, Theresa
9 Faye, and David Allen; and

10 WHEREAS, Having learned to cook from their parents, Mr. and
11 Mrs. Shupak decided to open a restaurant in New Ulm to share their
12 love of entertaining with area residents; they purchased J&J
13 Pavilion in 2007 and began serving barbecue meals and homemade
14 desserts the following year; in addition to maintaining a local
15 business, Mr. and Mrs. Shupak regularly volunteer at such events as
16 Knights of Columbus fish fries, the firemen's barbecue, and the St.
17 Peter and Paul Catholic Church bazaar, and Mrs. Shupak has
18 delivered baked goods to the sick and elderly in the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the years, these esteemed Texans have
20 nurtured a close-knit family, and their children have been active
21 in the family business; their daughter Anna Marie works at J&J
22 Pavilion, and while the couple's sons David Allen and Christopher
23 Dale work with their uncle at Black Creek Drilling, they often find
24 time to assist with the restaurant operations; Mr. and Mrs. Shupak

1 also take great pride in their daughter Theresa Faye, who has served
2 in the United States Navy and in the Army National Guard, and they
3 have been blessed with seven grandchildren, Cody Shupak, Trenton
4 Wayne Shupak, Dylan Shupak, Megan Shupak, Hanna Krueger, Heather
5 Krueger, and Trenton Alexander Shupak; although their son Charles
6 John passed away 16 years ago, the couple have been comforted by
7 many joyful memories of him; and

8 WHEREAS, With their kindness and generosity, Johnnie and
9 Joyce Shupak have touched the lives of their fellow citizens, and it
10 is indeed a pleasure to honor them for their contributions to their
11 community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Johnnie and Joyce Shupak on being
14 named the 2008 Citizens of the Year by the New Ulm Chamber of
15 Commerce and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
16 success and happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Shupak as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.