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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 60th birthday of a distinguished Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Jim Beckett of Dallas reached this
3 memorable milestone on May 10, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, A renowned expert in sports card values, Mr. Beckett
5 earned his doctorate in statistics from Southern Methodist
6 University in 1975, joined Bowling Green University as an associate
7 professor, and in 1980 became vice president of a Dallas consulting
8 firm; and

9 WHEREAS, While he was teaching at Bowling Green, Mr.
10 Beckett's passion for sports and collectibles led him to produce a
11 baseball card price guide out of a desire to bring some order to the
12 disorganized baseball card business; he soon began printing annual
13 price guides, and in November 1984 he published 10,000 copies of the
14 first edition of *Beckett Baseball Card Monthly*; this periodical
15 quickly became a trusted reference source for collectors, and
16 within a few years Mr. Beckett had turned his hobby into the
17 successful Beckett Publications; he authored more than 50
18 sports-related books, including annual price guides in several
19 fields, and served as CEO of the company until selling it in January
20 2005; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Beckett is now CEO of Beckett Interests Inc. and
22 serves on the boards of DRG and Liquid Motors; moreover, he serves
23 as a member of the boards of Grad Resources and the West Dallas
24 Initiative and of the DFW Metroplex Advisory Board of the Salvation

1 Army; his numerous affiliations include the American Statistical
2 Association, the Benefactors of the National Baseball Hall of Fame,
3 and the Society for American Baseball Research; a valued member of
4 Stonebriar Community Church and of the Dallas Theological Seminary
5 Presidents Council, he gives generously of his time and talents to
6 many local, national, and international ministries and nonprofit
7 organizations; in his leisure time, he enjoys golfing, antiques,
8 fitness, fine dining, musicals, reading, and traveling; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Beckett is respected and admired for his
10 professional accomplishments and his contributions to the
11 community, and it is a pleasure to join his family and friends in
12 commemorating the 60th anniversary of his birth; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Jim Beckett on the occasion of his
16 60th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
17 happiness; and, be it further

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