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H.R. No. 478

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., who has
2 rendered distinguished service to the State of Texas for more than a
3 quarter of a century, is celebrating his 66th birthday on February
4 17, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Fifth Ward of Houston, Mr. Dutton
6 graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School and earned a bachelor's
7 degree in accounting from Texas Southern University; he received
8 his juris doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at TSU
9 and is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar
10 Association, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and the American
11 Association for Justice; and

12 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Dutton held management
13 positions in corporate planning and economic analysis at Conoco and
14 served as president of Four Star Broadcasting, operating an
15 independent television station in the Houston area; moreover, he
16 was the executive director of the Julia C. Hester House, a community
17 center and United Way-affiliated agency in the Fifth Ward; he is an
18 attorney specializing in civil rights and employment
19 discrimination cases, and he is a member of the adjunct faculty at
20 Texas Southern University; and

21 WHEREAS, First elected in 1984, Mr. Dutton is currently
22 serving his 14th term in the Texas House of Representatives; his
23 legislative achievements include initiatives to enhance public
24 alternative education, to strengthen parental rights, and to

1 improve the availability and affordability of insurance, as well as
2 successful sponsorship of the state's first statutory program to
3 assist businesses owned by women and minorities; he is a member of
4 the House Democratic Caucus and the steering committee of the House
5 Research Organization, and he previously served as chair of the
6 Harris County delegation; and

7 WHEREAS, The efforts of Representative Dutton have been
8 recognized by the *Houston Forward Times*, the ACLU, the Texas
9 Women's Political Caucus, the Texas Tourism Caucus, the United
10 States Small Business Administration, the Texas Association of
11 African American Chambers of Commerce, and groups representing
12 Houston police officers and Harris County and African American
13 deputy sheriffs; in addition, he has been named a Distinguished
14 Alumnus by the TSU School of Business and is a 32nd degree Mason and
15 a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the course of his life, Harold Dutton has
17 excelled as a public servant, an attorney, a businessman, and a
18 community leader, and he has earned widespread respect and
19 admiration; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Harold V. Dutton,
22 Jr., on the occasion of his 66th birthday and extend to him sincere
23 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Representative Dutton as an expression of high regard
26 by the Texas House of Representatives.