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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Esteemed community leader Dell Thomas Holmsley of El
2 Paso celebrated his 71st birthday on March 6, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Ysleta, Tom Holmsley was born in 1940 and
4 attended schools in the Socorro and El Paso districts before
5 graduating from a high school in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1958; as a
6 young man, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America and attained
7 the rank of Eagle Scout; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmsley earned a degree in government from The
9 University of Texas at El Paso and went on to serve his country as a
10 second lieutenant with the military police stationed in Germany; he
11 completed a degree in German at the University of Maryland as well
12 as a master's degree in geography and a teaching certificate at The
13 University of Texas at Austin; and

14 WHEREAS, Following his graduation, Mr. Holmsley taught high
15 school government, and his exceptional work was recognized with the
16 Austin Outstanding Young Educator award; in 1973, he began a career
17 with State Farm Insurance that spanned more than three decades and
18 included posts in Laredo, Arlington, and McAllen; in 1995, he
19 returned to his hometown of El Paso, where he served as a field
20 executive for the company until his retirement in 2004; since that
21 time, he has worked as a substitute teacher with the Ysleta
22 Independent School District and as an instructor of insurance
23 classes at El Paso Community College; and

24 WHEREAS, Active in civic affairs, this notable Texan was

1 elected and installed as chair of the El Paso County Republican
2 Party in 2010; he has demonstrated outstanding leadership during
3 his term, and he is credited with helping to increase membership and
4 revitalize the organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmsley is supported in all of his endeavors by
6 his wife, Mary, and he is devoted to his 5 children and 13
7 grandchildren; in his free time, he enjoys flying and building
8 large-scale model airplanes and fishing boats; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Holmsley is a source of wisdom and inspiration
10 to all those who are privileged to know him, and it is a pleasure to
11 recognize him on 71 years of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Dell Thomas Holmsley on his 71st birthday
14 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

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