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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Texas representative Joe B. Cannon of
2 Limestone County has received the 2010 Outstanding 50-Year Lawyer
3 Award from the Texas Bar Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, A prestigious honor, the Outstanding 50-Year Lawyer
5 Award recognizes attorneys who have practiced for a half-century or
6 more, adhering to the highest principles and traditions of their
7 profession; nominees must also have served the Texas Bar
8 Association and their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon was born in Mexia; he graduated from the
10 University of North Texas and went on to study law at The University
11 of Texas before winning election to the Texas Legislature; as a
12 member of the house of representatives, he was instrumental in
13 passing legislation to eliminate a state poll tax, to accelerate
14 the integration of public schools and universities, and to
15 establish a 40-hour workweek for state school and hospital
16 employees; and

17 WHEREAS, After three terms in the legislature, Mr. Cannon
18 returned to Limestone County and opened his law practice in
19 Groesbeck; he has served the legal profession in a number of
20 leadership roles, including as chair of the State Bar of Texas board
21 of directors, as chair of the State Bar of Texas Sunset Committee,
22 and as a Texas Bar Foundation trustee; through the years, he has
23 given generously of his time and expertise to Texans in need of
24 legal representation, and he has been a member of the Pro Bono

1 College for more than 15 years; and

2 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has demonstrated a steadfast
3 commitment to his community; he is an Eagle Scout and continues to
4 be active in the Boy Scouts of America, and he has served on the
5 Mexia school board and on the board of the North Texas Exes; in
6 addition, he is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Mexia;
7 he has received numerous accolades, and the University of North
8 Texas presented him with the Green Glory Award and named him an
9 Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Political Science; and

10 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Cannon enjoys the support
11 and encouragement of his wife, Debbie Cannon, and his family,
12 including his children, JoAl Cannon Sheridan and her husband, Dirk,
13 and Thure Cannon and his wife, Shannon, as well as his
14 grandchildren, Knox and Nash Cannon, and his stepsons, David and
15 Thomas Goodwin; and

16 WHEREAS, Highly regarded in the legal profession and in his
17 community, Joe Cannon has set standards of excellence to which
18 others may aspire, and he indeed merits special recognition; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe B. Cannon on his receipt of the
22 2010 Outstanding 50-Year Lawyer Award and extend to him sincere
23 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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