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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past five decades, Thomas Eugene Carnes has
2 contributed significantly to Freemasonry in the Lone Star State and
3 beyond; and

4 WHEREAS, A sixth-generation Mason, Gene Carnes first became
5 involved with the order in 1962 when he petitioned Harlandale Lodge
6 No. 1213 in San Antonio; he has since been affiliated with Bandera
7 Lodge No. 1123, Rising Star Lodge No. 429, Kendall Lodge No. 897,
8 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794, Tranquility Lodge No. 2000, and Point
9 Isabel Lodge No. 33, of which he is a charter member, and he has
10 served as lodge master on multiple occasions; and

11 WHEREAS, Beyond the local level, Mr. Carnes has served as the
12 district deputy grand master of the 51st Masonic District and as
13 chair of its special assignments committee and committee on work;
14 he was appointed grand marshal of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1999
15 and is the current grand representative to the Grand Lodge of
16 Nebraska; he has further distinguished himself through the years as
17 grand junior warden, grand senior warden, and deputy grand master,
18 and he was elected as grand master on December 4, 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Carnes maintains numerous memberships in
20 auxiliary Masonic organizations as well, among them the Texian York
21 Rite College No. 60, St. Anthony Conclave, Red Cross of
22 Constantine, the Allied Masonic Degrees, Alzafar Shrine, Royal
23 Order of Scotland, and Texas Lodge of Research; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is retired from the United

1 States Air Force Civil Service, where he worked as a logistics
2 management specialist; in all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love
3 and support of his wife, Gay, and their two sons, Larry and James;
4 moreover, his family includes three grandchildren and two
5 step-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his leadership and dedication, Gene Carnes
7 has made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of his
8 Masonic brothers, giving selflessly for the betterment of the
9 order, and he is indeed deserving of recognition for his
10 outstanding efforts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Gene Carnes for his many contributions to
13 Freemasonry in the State of Texas and beyond, and extend to him
14 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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