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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James E. Boggs, a professor emeritus in the
2 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at The University of Texas
3 at Austin, is celebrating his 90th birthday on June 9, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, James Boggs was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1921;
5 after graduating from Oberlin College in 1943 with a bachelor of
6 arts degree, he attended the University of Michigan, where he
7 earned a master of science degree in 1945 and a Ph.D. in chemistry
8 in 1952; and

9 WHEREAS, Professor Boggs moved to Austin in 1953 to join the
10 faculty of The University of Texas chemistry department; over the
11 course of his career, he has done important work in theoretical and
12 structural chemistry, and he continues to explore problems of
13 molecular structure and the chemical consequences of that
14 structure; in addition, for more than 40 years, he organized the
15 Austin Symposium on Molecular Structure, a conference attended by
16 scientists from around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2010, Professor Boggs was awarded the prestigious
18 Dr. Barbara Mez-Starck Prize for his outstanding contributions in
19 experimental structural chemistry and molecular physics; that same
20 year, he was also named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society in
21 recognition of his achievements in science and his support of the
22 society; and

23 WHEREAS, James Boggs was joined in matrimony to the former
24 Ruth Ann Rogers on June 22, 1948, and they enjoyed a rewarding

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1 marriage until her passing; in all his endeavors he has the love and
2 support of his daughters and sons-in-law, Lynne and Bill Cariker,
3 Ann and Lon McCarley, and Carol Boggs and Ward Watt, as well as his
4 grandchildren, Ryan and Beth McCarley, and his step-grandchildren,
5 Jean Godfrey-June and Laura Watt; and

6 WHEREAS, An acclaimed scientist and educator, James Boggs may
7 reflect proudly on his many accomplishments in nine decades of life
8 well lived; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. James E. Boggs on his 90th
11 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
12 happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Professor Boggs as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.