

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Donald Clifton Heath of Temple is turning 80 years  
2 old on April 25, 2011, and this occasion provides a welcome  
3 opportunity to recognize this esteemed Texan; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1931 in San Perlita to William and Johnnie  
5 Heath, Don Heath developed a love for horses as a small boy; he went  
6 on to work as a cowboy and has ridden horses throughout his adult  
7 life; he was a longtime member of the Bell County Sheriff's Posse  
8 drill team, and he also mastered the art of horseshoeing, which he  
9 did professionally for more than 30 years; and

10           WHEREAS, Possessing a strong work ethic, Mr. Heath has worked  
11 hard throughout his life; he farmed land near Raymondville, was  
12 employed for two decades with the Reynolds Metals Company in Corpus  
13 Christi, and for nearly 25 years worked as a salesman and branch  
14 manager for the Gulf Coast Paper Company in Cuero, Brownsville, and  
15 Temple; since his retirement in 1996, he has been involved in  
16 several ventures, including a commercial hay baling business in  
17 Bell County, which he ran from 2000 to 2004; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Heath shared over 45 years with his wife, Alta,  
19 until her passing in 1996; fortunate enough to find love a second  
20 time, he married Janey Lewis Smith in 1997; this devoted family man  
21 takes great pride in his two children, Pattie Beebe and Clifton  
22 Heath, his stepdaughter, Jana Smith Copeland, and his 11  
23 grandchildren and great-granddaughter, to whom he is  
24 affectionately known as "Pappy"; and

1           WHEREAS, Known for his outgoing nature and his religious  
2 faith, Don Heath is a source of wisdom and inspiration to all who  
3 are privileged to know him, and it is a pleasure to commend him on  
4 eight decades of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor Donald Clifton Heath on his 80th birthday  
7 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,  
8 be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Heath as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1748

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1748 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House