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H.R. No. 1748

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.