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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Neil Evan Rinehart of Plano is marking a special
2 milestone in his life with the observance of his 60th birthday on
3 May 9, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Mount Ayr, Iowa, in 1951 to Park and Joan
5 Rinehart, Neil Rinehart was in the Junior Atoms 4-H Club and Little
6 League, and he owned two horses, Dimples and King, while he was
7 growing up; he played the saxophone in concert band and was in a
8 rock band in high school, and he was also a versatile athlete,
9 excelling at football, basketball, baseball, and track; president
10 of the student council and of his class, he graduated from Mount Ayr
11 Community High School in 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart then earned a bachelor's degree and a
13 master's in business administration from the University of Iowa,
14 where he was the president of the Sigma Nu fraternity; he came to
15 Dallas in 1977 to begin his career in the financial services
16 industry at E. F. Hutton; that same year, he married the love of his
17 life, Sheila Kay Funderburgh; and

18 WHEREAS, With more than three decades of experience in
19 finance, Mr. Rinehart is a first vice president and financial
20 advisor at Merrill Lynch; he is also the author of two books that
21 reflect his passion for sports and investing, *It's All the Same*
22 *Game: The Sports Fan's Guide to Success in the Stock Market* and
23 *Finding Your "A" Game: Golf, Investing, and Life*, published in 2003
24 and 2005; he is particularly devoted to the Texas Rangers; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart shares his talents and expertise with
2 the Junior Achievement organization and is a member of the
3 University of Iowa Alumni Association; he attends Christ United
4 Methodist Church in Plano; and

5 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Rinehart enjoys the
6 support of his wife and best friend, Sheila, and his children,
7 Matthew Rinehart and Allison Rinehart Billodeau and her husband,
8 Justin; he takes great pride in his two grandchildren, Greyson Reid
9 Billodeau and Grant Evan Billodeau, and he loves to spend time with
10 them, helping them gain an appreciation for nature, animals, and
11 the art of napping, as well as teaching them the proper technique
12 for dunking Oreo cookies in milk; and

13 WHEREAS, A kindhearted, generous, and funny man with a quiet
14 confidence, Neil Rinehart has enhanced the lives of his family, his
15 friends, and all who are privileged to know him, and it is indeed a
16 pleasure to join with his loved ones in recognizing him for six
17 decades of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Neil Evan Rinehart on his 60th
20 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
21 happiness; and, be it further

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