## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable William "Bill" Yeoman was named the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual gala on February 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce bestowed this prestigious honor on Judge Yeoman in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service to the community; as the Harris County justice of the peace for Precinct 5, Place 2, Judge Yeoman presided over approximately 130,000 cases per year in what is perhaps the largest criminal and civil court in Texas; in meeting the demands of his office, he drew on a considerable range of skills as he reviewed civil, small claims, and eviction cases, issued warrants, and performed weddings and funerals; he earned a reputation for fairness and for giving each case his utmost respect and attention; and

WHEREAS, While sitting on the bench, Judge Yeoman worked diligently to educate citizens about the law and their rights; he was also passionate about encouraging an appreciation for the sacrifices made by the nation's founding fathers and about promoting the study of the U.S. Constitution; throughout his tenure, he fought student truancy, recognizing that our entire society is adversely affected when children fail to receive a proper education; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Harris County, Bill Yeoman earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Houston; he was
first elected as justice of the peace in 1979, and he served his
community with distinction until he took his well-deserved
retirement in 2010; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love
and support of his wife, Terry, and his daughter, Erin; and
WHEREAS, Bill Yeoman made significant contributions to the
betterment of Katy and Harris County over the course of his more
than three decades as a public servant, and he may take justifiable
pride in his exceptional record of achievement; now, therefore, be
it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Bill Yeoman on being named the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Judge Yeoman as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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## Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1767 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

