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H.R. No. 2103

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Richmond has greatly benefited from the
2 public service of the Honorable Hilmar Moore, who has enjoyed a
3 remarkable tenure of nearly 62 years leading the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Believed to be the longest-serving mayor in the
5 nation, Hilmar Moore first took office on September 22, 1949, when
6 he was appointed to fill an unexpired two-year term, and he has been
7 returned to his post by the voters in every election since that
8 time; he modestly credits his success through the years to hiring
9 excellent city managers and staff, although area residents would
10 attest to his effective leadership and outgoing personality as
11 figuring prominently in his notable administration; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Moore is a fifth-generation Texan whose
13 ancestors were among the Old Three Hundred settlers brought into
14 the state by Stephen F. Austin; a life member of the Sons of the
15 Republic of Texas, he comes by his interest in politics naturally as
16 the grandson of a former U.S. congressman and the son of a former
17 Richmond mayor and Fort Bend County judge; he also runs his family's
18 cattle business that has been in operation since 1822; and

19 WHEREAS, Hilmar Moore enrolled at The University of Texas
20 School of Law in the early 1940s, but he left in 1942 to join the
21 U.S. Army Air Corps; he became an aircraft navigator and was based
22 in Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, where he served with the
23 Fourth Sea Rescue Squadron and earned many medals and
24 commendations; and

1 WHEREAS, After the war, he returned to Richmond and worked in
2 land titles and abstracts, land leasing, and the cattle industry
3 and eventually became a leader in a number of ranching and beef
4 production organizations; he has served as the chair of the Beef
5 Industry Council, as president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle
6 Raisers Association, on the executive committee of the National
7 Cattlemen's Beef Association, on the board of Santa Gertrudis
8 Breeders International, and as a charter member of the American
9 Quarter Horse Association; moreover, he has received awards from
10 the Texas Brahman Association and Texas Tech University, which
11 recognized him for his career in ranching with the highest honor
12 bestowed in the beef industry; he has also been a director of the
13 King Ranch since 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, Active in state affairs and higher education as
15 well, Hilmar Moore distinguished himself as chair of the Texas
16 Department of Human Resources from 1977 to 1981, and he has been a
17 part of numerous foundations and committees supporting Texas
18 colleges and universities, including the UT System's Chancellor's
19 Council; and

20 WHEREAS, He married Hallie Peareson during World War II and
21 the couple enjoyed many rewarding years together and had three
22 sons, Hilmar, Phillip, and Jack, before Mrs. Moore's passing;
23 fortunate to find love a second time, he married Evalyn Wendt in
24 1984; and

25 WHEREAS, Each day, public servants improve the quality of
26 life for their fellow citizens in innumerable ways, and the ongoing
27 efforts of Hilmar Moore continue to help make Richmond a great place

1 to call home; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Mayor Hilmar Moore of Richmond for his
4 exceptional public service and extend to him sincere best wishes
5 for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mayor Moore as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.