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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of a long and distinguished career,
2 Richard E. Dwelle has rendered exceptional service to this state
3 and nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in Dallas, Dick Dwelle attended Rice
5 University, where he played on the football team and received
6 All-Southwest Conference honors as a tailback in 1942; his prowess
7 on the gridiron subsequently earned him induction into the Rice
8 Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, Shortly before completing his bachelor's degree in
10 1943, Mr. Dwelle joined the U.S. Army Reserve; he entered active
11 duty that June, attended Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School,
12 and received his commission as a second lieutenant the following
13 year; on his arrival in Europe in December 1944, he was assigned as
14 a forward observer with the mortar platoon in M Company, 329th
15 Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division; he served during the Battle of
16 the Bulge, the remainder of the Rhineland Campaign, and the Central
17 Europe Campaign and also saw duty with the 42nd Infantry Division;
18 promoted to first lieutenant, he led an army company in Germany and
19 Austria after the war ended; he was discharged from active duty in
20 the late spring of 1946, whereupon he joined the reserve with the
21 rank of captain, and he remained in the reserve for nearly a decade;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Dwelle exchanged wedding vows with the former
24 Peggy Donosky on December 12, 1942, and they became the parents of

1 two children, Donna and Dan; in 1946, he and his family moved to
2 Kermit, where he embarked on his new duties as copublisher of the
3 *Winkler County News*; three years later, he purchased the *Athens*
4 *Daily Review* from his father-in-law, and he continued as publisher
5 of that paper until selling it in 1986; in the years following, he
6 remained involved with the *Daily Review* as a consultant to the new
7 owner and as an editorial writer; and

8 WHEREAS, During his long career in the newspaper business,
9 Mr. Dwelle also co-owned the *Marlin Daily Democrat* and *Marlin*
10 *Weekly Democrat*, the *Wink Bulletin*, the *Malakoff News*, and the
11 *Cedar Creek Pilot*, as well as several papers in New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has played an active role in
13 trade organizations, serving as a board member of the Texas Press
14 Association and Texas Daily Newspaper Association and as president
15 of the North and East Texas Press Association; in 1980, the TDNA
16 conferred on him the Texas Newspaper Leader of the Year award; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Dwelle has also given generously of his time and
18 talents to a number of local organizations; among the groups to
19 benefit from his involvement have been the Athens Literacy Group
20 and the Boy Scouts of America, which he has served as a board member
21 and as a district chair, respectively; he currently sits on the
22 board of the Athens Public Education Foundation; for his myriad
23 contributions in the community's behalf, he was recognized as
24 Athens Citizen of the Year in 1971; more recently, in February 2010,
25 the APEF named Dick and Peggy Dwelle as King and Queen of its Second
26 Chance Prom, a fund-raiser gala; and

27 WHEREAS, For nearly 70 years, Dick Dwelle has benefited

1 others through his leadership and civic engagement, and he may
2 indeed take pride in his outstanding record of achievement; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor Richard E. "Dick" Dwelle for his exemplary
6 service to this country and to the Lone Star State; and, be it
7 further

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