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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Through their outstanding accomplishments in
2 business and community service, Roosevelt Petry, Jr., and Marlene
3 Petry have distinguished themselves as admirable civic leaders who
4 have made valuable contributions in the Port Arthur area and
5 beyond; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Petry earned a bachelor's degree from Lamar
7 University and then founded GP Industrial Contractors, Inc., which
8 specializes in construction, engineering, and maintenance work on
9 refinery and petrochemical plants; he and Marlene were married in
10 1987, and Mrs. Petry later decided to pursue a career in nursing;
11 after earning an associate's degree in that field from Lamar
12 University in 1995, she went on to obtain a bachelor's degree from
13 The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and a master's
14 degree in nursing education from Regis University; she worked as an
15 intensive care nurse in Stafford and as an education resource
16 specialist at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston and presently
17 serves as the senior vice president of GP Industrial Contractors;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This dedicated couple has placed an emphasis on
20 giving back to the community; Mr. Petry has served as a
21 commissioner and a committee and board member for numerous agencies
22 and organizations, including the Port Arthur Housing Authority, the
23 Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation, the United Way,
24 Junior Achievement, and the Clean Community Commission; his

1 willingness to share his knowledge with others has been
2 demonstrated through his work as an instructor at Lamar University
3 and as the host of a radio show on business on KSAP 107.1;
4 Mrs. Petry is a very active member of the congregation at the Fort
5 Bend Church in Sugar Land, serving on several volunteer ministries
6 and helping coordinate youth activities and the church's annual
7 scholarship fund-raiser; and

8 WHEREAS, Together, Mr. and Mrs. Petry are generous
9 supporters of a vast array of charitable initiatives, including an
10 endowed scholarship at Lamar State College-Port Authur for nursing
11 and engineering students; in addition, GP Industrial Contractors
12 helped in rebuilding the town of Sabine Pass following Hurricane
13 Rita, working in conjunction with the television program *Extreme*
14 *Makeover: Home Edition*; and

15 WHEREAS, The notable efforts made by the Petrys are greatly
16 appreciated by their fellow citizens and have been honored with a
17 number of well-deserved awards; this inspiring husband and wife
18 team have made a positive difference in the lives of many residents
19 of the Gulf Coast region, and it is a pleasure to recognize them for
20 their exceptional commitment and leadership; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor Roosevelt Petry, Jr., and Marlene Petry
23 for their significant business and community service achievements
24 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in all
25 their endeavors; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Petry as an expression of high regard by

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1 the Texas House of Representatives.