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H.R. No. 2738

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Warren D. Chisum has earned the esteem  
2 and affection of his fellow legislators and rendered conscientious  
3 service to the people of his district and to the Lone Star State;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Representative Chisum was born in Miami, in the  
6 Texas Panhandle, and he has lived in Pampa for most of his life;  
7 before entering the legislature, he built a successful career in  
8 the oil and gas industry; it is a business he knows from the ground  
9 up, having gotten his start as an oil well driller; he went on to  
10 purchase an oil field trucking concern and then to found two oil and  
11 gas production and exploration companies; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1988, Warren Chisum made his first run for a seat  
13 in the Texas House; he won the race, and he has not faced an opponent  
14 in the general election since; now ranked seventh in seniority, he  
15 represents the third-largest house district in Texas and works  
16 tirelessly in behalf of his constituents and rural Texans; his  
17 dedication to their interests coupled with his bulldog tenacity,  
18 his long tenure at the Capitol, and his consummate skill at  
19 navigating the legislative process have made him a highly effective  
20 advocate in the halls of the statehouse; and

21           WHEREAS, Possessed of a keen intelligence and a seemingly  
22 inexhaustible capacity for hard work, Representative Chisum  
23 currently serves on the Appropriations and Environmental  
24 Regulation Committees, both of which he has chaired in sessions

1 past; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Chisum has participated in a number  
3 of groups concerned with energy issues, providing leadership to the  
4 Energy Council, an international organization of legislators, and  
5 the council's research affiliate, as well as committees functioning  
6 under the auspices of the Southern Legislative Conference, National  
7 Conference of State Legislators, and American Legislative Exchange  
8 Council; and

9 WHEREAS, A staunch champion of conservative principles,  
10 Representative Chisum currently serves as president of the board of  
11 the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, a group he  
12 cofounded, and as a member of the board of the Texas Conservative  
13 Coalition; and

14 WHEREAS, Many community organizations and worthy causes have  
15 also benefited from Representative Chisum's astute guidance; he has  
16 served on the boards of Wayland Baptist University and Scottish  
17 Rite Dormitory in Austin and on the advisory council of Clarendon  
18 College; in addition, he holds membership in the Gray County  
19 Christian Coalition and in the Texas and Pampa Masonic Lodges, and  
20 he regularly teaches Sunday school at First Baptist Church in his  
21 hometown; and

22 WHEREAS, Among the numerous accolades conferred on  
23 Representative Chisum have been the Families First Award from the  
24 Texas chapter of Concerned Women of America and the Outstanding  
25 Leadership Award from the Texas Christian Coalition; and

26 WHEREAS, Always fair and open to discussion, Representative  
27 Chisum is known as a straight shooter, a man whose word is his bond;

1 freshman legislators also quickly discover his down-to-earth  
2 friendliness and droll sense of humor, as well as his readiness to  
3 help them learn the ropes; his generosity in this regard is all the  
4 more welcome because no one in the chamber has a more extensive  
5 knowledge of house rules and procedures, or a better ability to call  
6 on them at the appropriate time; illustrative of his mastery is his  
7 reputation as the King of Points of Order; typically calm and  
8 low-key, however, he has always raised his questions in such a  
9 manner as to maintain cordial relations with the author of the  
10 measure; and

11       WHEREAS, While acquainting new members with the thicket of  
12 house procedures, Representative Chisum often leavens his lessons  
13 with light-hearted advice; on at least one occasion, his tutelage  
14 included the suggestion that the best time to pass a nongermane  
15 amendment was late at night, when no one was paying attention, a  
16 tactic he himself has effectively employed; and

17       WHEREAS, In his leisure hours, Representative Chisum finds  
18 joy and relaxation in time spent with his family and in outdoor  
19 avocations, notably working on his cattle ranch and hunting and  
20 fishing; a fount of information about a vast range of subjects, he  
21 is seldom at a loss when reaching the limits of his actual  
22 knowledge, as attested by his lengthy, creative commentary on the  
23 art of cod fishing, a topic about which he truly knew next to  
24 nothing, while on a trip to Newfoundland; as adventurous in his  
25 sporting pursuits as he is enthusiastic, he has also tried his hand  
26 at soaring and whitewater rafting; and

27       WHEREAS, Warren Chisum married his high school sweetheart,

1 Omega, in 1957, and the couple will celebrate their 54th wedding  
2 anniversary in August 2011; they are the proud parents of two  
3 children, Jeff and Kim, they have been additionally blessed with  
4 six grandchildren, and their family has grown to include a fourth  
5 generation; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Chisum has commented on the  
7 satisfaction he finds in being able, as a legislator, to serve a  
8 great number of people, and he has indeed represented his  
9 constituents well and faithfully over the course of more than two  
10 decades; moreover, through his broad expertise, his unfailing  
11 commitment to his district, and his genial relations with his  
12 fellow members, he has long played a key role in the deliberations  
13 of this chamber and gained the high regard of all who have had the  
14 pleasure of working with him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Warren D. Chisum for his  
17 many years of outstanding public service and extend to him sincere  
18 best wishes for continued fulfillment and happiness in all his  
19 endeavors; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Representative Chisum as an expression of high regard  
22 by his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.