

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donald Wayne Garner celebrated his 50th birthday on
2 July 2, 2013, and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to
3 recognize this respected member of the Capitol community; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Don Garner was born
5 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas in 1963; he graduated from Plano Senior
6 High School and played football for Ranger College before earning
7 his bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Brother Garner worked for Electronic Data Systems
9 for nearly a decade before enrolling at Criswell College, where he
10 received his master of divinity degree; through the years, he has
11 led a number of congregations, pastoring First Baptist Church of
12 Blue Ridge, First Baptist Elmont, and Central Baptist Church in
13 Aurora, Colorado; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2008, Brother Garner joined Capitol Commission, a
15 national ministry that specializes in serving elected officials; in
16 his role as Texas state director, he conducts weekly Bible studies
17 with legislators and staff during the legislative session and
18 travels throughout the state to provide continued support during
19 the interim; an individual of great conviction and compassion, he
20 has inspired many through his impassioned teaching and unwavering
21 belief in the power of prayer; and

22 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Brother Garner is supported
23 by a loving family; he married his high school sweetheart, the
24 former Tracey Lynne Basham, in 1985, and today, they are the proud

1 parents of seven children, Jessica Sherrill and her husband,
2 Joshua, and Benjamin, Rachel, Luke, Samuel, Donald, and Emma
3 Garner; in his leisure time, he enjoys mountain biking and golfing;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Don Garner has been a tremendous source of
6 encouragement, guidance, and solace for members of the Texas
7 Legislature, and it is a pleasure to honor him for 50 years of life
8 well lived; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Donald Wayne Garner
11 on his 50th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Brother Garner as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 94

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 94 was adopted by the House on July 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House