

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Randal Clayton of Brownsboro marked 40 years of  
2 banking service to the citizens of Van Zandt County in 2012; and

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton earned his bachelor's and master's  
4 degrees in business administration from East Texas State University  
5 in Commerce; he began working for First State Bank of Ben Wheeler as  
6 a teller in 1972 and progressed to loan officer and then  
7 vice president; he and his wife, Pam, purchased the bank outright  
8 in 1986, and since then, new branches have opened in Edom, Canton,  
9 and Edgewood, and the bank's assets have increased from \$9.5 to \$122  
10 million; and

11           WHEREAS, First State Bank of Ben Wheeler has been locally  
12 owned and operated since 1911, and Mr. Clayton has ensured that the  
13 bank remains a family business by naming his son, Chet, president of  
14 the organization in 2010; his daughter Gina Thelen serves as  
15 vice president of the Canton branch, and another daughter, Julie  
16 Stern, is a member of the bank's board of directors; and

17           WHEREAS, Still active in the bank, Mr. Clayton continues to  
18 draw on four decades of professional experience in serving his  
19 customers; when not at work, he enjoys spending time with his eight  
20 grandchildren, traveling by motor home, and tending his cattle; and

21           WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated businesses play an  
22 important role in the economic well-being of towns throughout  
23 Texas, and Randal Clayton may take great pride in the contributions  
24 that First State Bank of Ben Wheeler has made to the communities it

1 serves; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize Randal Clayton of First State Bank of  
4 Ben Wheeler for his 40 years of service to the citizens of Van Zandt  
5 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success  
6 and happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 290

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 290 was adopted by the House on  
February 18, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House