

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 290

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.