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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James F. Scherr of El Paso celebrated his 60th
2 birthday on February 23, 2013, and this occasion provides a welcome
3 opportunity to remind him of the esteem in which he is held by all
4 who know him; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Henry and Etta Mae Scherr, Jim Scherr was
6 born in El Paso in 1953 and earned a bachelor's degree from The
7 University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University
8 of Houston, where he was a member of the honor fraternity Order of
9 the Barons; over the course of a highly distinguished career, he has
10 enjoyed outstanding professional success while contributing
11 immeasurably to the well-being of the El Paso community; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Scherr currently serves as president of the law
13 firm Scherr Legate and as chief executive officer of a number of
14 real estate companies; actively involved in real estate projects of
15 every type, in 2009 he developed the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel El
16 Paso Downtown, the first high-rise constructed in the city in more
17 than 30 years; the hotel incorporated a trend-setting design that
18 has been adopted by DoubleTree for use in other locations, and
19 Mr. Scherr's success has drawn offers to develop hotels in other
20 cities; his loyalty, though, remains firmly fixed on his hometown,
21 where he has also built office buildings, warehouses, residential
22 housing, and one of the largest U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
23 Services facilities along the United States-Mexico border; and

24 WHEREAS, Possessed of a wide array of business talents,

1 Mr. Scherr established in the late 1970s an import and export
2 clothing manufacturer that became one of America's top distributors
3 of fur coats, and the U.S. State Department later relied on his
4 expertise to help open the trade for outerwear with countries in
5 East Asia; and

6 WHEREAS, Strongly committed to the cause of energy
7 conservation, Jim Scherr served as vice chair of the
8 U.S. Department of Energy Committee on Energy Efficiency and was a
9 board member of the local DOE advisory committee; he has chaired the
10 Texas Energy Conservation Committee and served as president of the
11 Texas Municipal Energy Conservation League, and he received a
12 presidential citation from Jimmy Carter for his dedicated work in
13 this area of public policy; and

14 WHEREAS, A third-generation El Pasoan, whose love for his
15 city and devotion to community service led to his becoming one of
16 the youngest members ever elected to the El Paso City Council,
17 Mr. Scherr served three terms in that body and at one time held the
18 title of mayor pro tem; he is a former director of the West Texas
19 Council of Governments and a former chairman of the local Multiple
20 Sclerosis Society, and numerous social, political, and charitable
21 boards have benefited from his participation; in 1979, the
22 U.S. Jaycees named him Outstanding Young Man of America; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Scherr enjoys the support
24 of his wife, Elma Carreto, his children, Rhaelynn, Maxey, and
25 Whitney, and his son-in-law, Eric Frank; his fine family also
26 includes grandchildren Tryston Obevoen and Kaira, Khian, and Kasen
27 Frank; and

1 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all who are privileged to
2 know him, Jim Scherr may reflect with deep satisfaction on a
3 lifetime of achievement, and it is a privilege to join in honoring
4 him on six decades of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate James F. Scherr on his 60th
7 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
8 happiness; and, be it further

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