

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1197

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Schwebel and Patricia Schwebel of West
2 Columbia have been named recipients of the 2012 Cradle of Texas
3 Herman Swift Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1993, the Herman Swift Award
5 acknowledges residents of the Cradle of Texas District, Bay Area
6 Council of the Boy Scouts of America, who have not only served
7 scouting but who have also distinguished themselves through their
8 contributions to the wider community; and

9 WHEREAS, "Doc" and "Tissie" Schwebel became involved in
10 scouting in 1969; as the parents of three sons, Rodney, Darrell, and
11 Marty, they helped found Cub Scout Pack 310 at Bess Brannen
12 Elementary School in Lake Jackson; Dr. Schwebel served as pack
13 committee chair and Mrs. Schwebel as den mother; subsequently, they
14 assisted Boy Scout Troop 311, and Dr. Schwebel established an
15 Explorer Post, sponsored by his veterinary clinic, and served as
16 post advisor for 25 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. and Mrs. Schwebel have both
18 served on the Bay Area Council executive board, along with holding a
19 number of other positions at the district and council levels;
20 Mrs. Schwebel has served as district commissioner and as
21 commissioner of the Cub Scout Roundtable, while Dr. Schwebel has
22 served as council vice president of scouting, as district chair,
23 and as a longtime merit badge counselor at Camp Karankawa;
24 recognized with myriad accolades, Mrs. Schwebel has received the

1 Distinguished Commissioner Award, the District Award of Merit, and
2 the Silver Fawn Award, and Dr. Schwebel has received the District
3 Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, the Bay Area Council
4 Outstanding Scouter Award, and the William H. Spurgeon III
5 Exploring Award; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to supporting the Boy Scouts, the
7 Schwebels have long given of their time and talents to a host of
8 other community organizations; Mrs. Schwebel has been involved in
9 such groups as the Asa Underwood Daughters of the American
10 Revolution, the Cradle of Texas Daughters of the Republic of Texas,
11 and the Lamar Fontaine United Daughters of the Confederacy, and she
12 has served on the boards of the Columbia Historical Museum and the
13 Columbia Historical Cemetery; she has also volunteered with the
14 Brazoria County March of Dimes, the Lake Jackson Museum, and
15 Brazosport Hospital, and she has been a member of the West Columbia
16 and Brazoria Chambers of Commerce; and

17 WHEREAS, A former member of the Lake Jackson City Council and
18 the planning commission, Dr. Schwebel has additionally served as
19 president of the Lake Jackson Jaycees, the Brazoria Lions Club, the
20 Brazoria Heritage Foundation, and the Brazosport Society for the
21 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; he was named 2005 Brazoria Man of
22 the Year, 2006 Brazosport Man of the Year, and 2009 Philanthropist
23 of the Year; and

24 WHEREAS, Before his retirement in 2000, Dr. Schwebel owned
25 the Lake Jackson Veterinary Clinic for 44 years; Mrs. Schwebel
26 worked for the clinic and for the Dow Chemical Company; in their
27 leisure, they enjoy spending time with their family, which has

1 grown to include six grandchildren, John, Lizzie, Toby, Nathan,
2 Ethan, and Theo; and

3 WHEREAS, Doc and Tissie Schwebel have greatly benefited
4 innumerable young Texans through their dedication to scouting, and
5 they have set an example of civic engagement that is an inspiration
6 to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Robert Schwebel and Patricia
9 Schwebel on their receipt of the 2012 Cradle of Texas Herman Swift
10 Award and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Dr. and Mrs. Schwebel as an expression of high regard
14 by the Texas House of Representatives.