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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bobby B. Lyle, a longtime educator,
2 entrepreneur, and philanthropist, is being honored on May 20, 2013,
3 with the Human Relations Award by the Dallas Region of the American
4 Jewish Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, The AJC is a global Jewish advocacy organization
6 dedicated to protecting human rights around the world through the
7 use of diplomacy, political activism, and media outreach; as one of
8 the group's regional chapters, AJC Dallas annually confers the
9 Human Relations Award on a leading member of the community who has
10 made significant contributions to the betterment of life on local
11 and national levels; and

12 WHEREAS, After graduating from Louisiana Tech University,
13 Bobby Lyle went on to earn a master's degree in engineering
14 administration from Southern Methodist University and a doctorate
15 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; and

16 WHEREAS, During his long and productive affiliation with SMU,
17 Dr. Lyle served as an administrator before being appointed dean ad
18 interim of the School of Business at the age of 29; he played a
19 pivotal role in the development of a strategic plan for the School
20 of Engineering, and in recognition of his work in helping make it a
21 national pioneer in engineering education, the school was renamed
22 in his honor in 2008; this outstanding Texan has also served SMU as
23 a trustee for more than two decades, in addition to holding a seat
24 on the executive board of the engineering school as well as on a

1 range of other committees related to university projects and
2 interests; he received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995 and
3 was inducted into the Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering Hall of
4 Leaders in 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle has likewise made a name for himself in the
6 business world; in 1981, he founded Lyco Energy Corporation, which
7 has conducted petroleum and natural gas exploration throughout the
8 country, and in 2005, he established a private investment firm,
9 Lyco Holdings, Inc.; over the past 35 years, he has formed numerous
10 private companies and joint ventures in an array of fields, among
11 them the Galleria Dallas shopping center; and

12 WHEREAS, Generous in his service to the community, he has
13 contributed to such organizations as the Salvation Army, the Circle
14 Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Volunteer Center of
15 North Texas, and the Center for Nonprofit Management; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his public life, this dynamic Texan has
17 brought his considerable talent and expertise to bear in all his
18 professional and civic-minded pursuits, and this prestigious award
19 is indeed a fitting acknowledgment of his outstanding record of
20 service; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Bobby B. Lyle on his receipt of
23 the 2013 AJC Dallas Human Relations Award and extend to him sincere
24 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Dr. Lyle as an expression of high regard by the Texas
27 House of Representatives.