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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, George Chandler of Lufkin has distinguished himself  
2 as an exceptional attorney and member of his community; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of East Texas, Mr. Chandler attended Baylor  
4 University on a tennis scholarship, and he was named the most  
5 valuable player of the 1960 team; on completing his undergraduate  
6 degree, he enrolled at Baylor Law School, where he was a member of  
7 the *Baylor Law Review*, and after graduating in 1962, he worked  
8 briefly for the firm of Edwards & DeAnda in Corpus Christi; he  
9 established his own firm, Chandler, Mathis & Zivley, in Lufkin in  
10 1971, specializing in plaintiff's personal injury and commercial  
11 trial law; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler's leadership and vision is greatly  
13 valued by his peers, and he is one of the most frequently requested  
14 speakers on trial strategies in Texas and throughout the nation; a  
15 diplomate of both the American Board of Trial Advocates and the  
16 National Board of Trial Advocacy, he is among a select group of  
17 trial lawyers worldwide invited to join the prestigious  
18 International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association  
20 elected Mr. Chandler as their president in 2003, and he has served  
21 on the group's executive committee since 1999; he has further  
22 contributed his expertise as a state committeeman from Texas for  
23 the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and he is a founding  
24 member of the Tonahill Society, a group of trial lawyers and judges

1 dedicated to the preservation of trial by jury and the betterment of  
2 the legal profession; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has amassed an impressive number  
4 of awards, including being chosen by *Texas Monthly* as a Texas Super  
5 Lawyer from 2003 to 2012; in addition, he is the recipient of the  
6 Texas Bar Foundation Roland D. Secrest Award, the Baylor Lawyer of  
7 the Year award, and the TTLA Lifetime Achievement Award; most  
8 recently, he was presented with the John Hannah, Jr. Award for  
9 Public Service from the Bar Association of the Eastern District of  
10 Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back, Mr. Chandler has  
12 generously shared his time, talents, and resources with a number of  
13 organizations and worthy causes, including the Community Chest, the  
14 American Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society; moreover, he  
15 has served on the board of directors of both the local Jaycees and  
16 Lions Club, and while he was the president of the Lufkin Tennis  
17 Club, he helped initiate a countywide tennis program; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler was inspired to achieve by his father,  
19 Charles O'Hara Chandler, who was a pioneer in Texas public  
20 education and an advocate for students across the Lone Star State;  
21 serving many of his 103 years as a teacher, coach, and  
22 superintendent of schools in Orange and Victoria, Charles Chandler  
23 was also a founder and the first chair of the Teacher Retirement  
24 System of Texas; George Chandler long enjoyed the enthusiastic  
25 support of his father, who passed away in June 2011; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler and his wife, Martha, have celebrated  
27 more than a half-century of marriage, and they are the parents of a

1 daughter, Kelly Michaels, and a son, the late Reich Chandler; the  
2 couple are valued congregants at First Baptist Church, where they  
3 have taught adult Sunday school classes for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, George Chandler has devoted his life to advancing  
5 the highest ideals of his profession and helping those who have  
6 suffered injury and injustice, and in so doing, he has set an  
7 outstanding example of commitment and achievement to which all may  
8 aspire; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor George Chandler for his noteworthy record  
11 of accomplishment and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Chandler as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.