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H.R. No. 350

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jerry Huffman has ably led the Lufkin/Angelina
2 County Chamber of Commerce during his many years with the
3 organization; and

4 WHEREAS, A commercial real estate developer, Mr. Huffman
5 joined the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce as executive
6 vice president in 1974 and became president in 1986; he currently
7 serves as the chamber's president and chief executive officer; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Mr. Huffman has been a
9 vigorous advocate for the citizens of Angelina County, promoting
10 area events and championing local businesses and organizations; he
11 has helped establish numerous initiatives and groups, including
12 Crime Stoppers, Angelina Beautiful/Clean, and the Lufkin
13 Convention and Visitors Bureau, and his efforts were instrumental
14 in the construction of a new chamber facility and in the revival of
15 the Texas State Forest Festival, which has since grown into a
16 popular and financially successful statewide event; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Huffman also plays an active role in his
18 community in other ways, serving on the boards of the United Way of
19 Angelina County, the Texas Festivals and Events Association,
20 Workforce Solutions of Deep East Texas, and the Texas Forest
21 Country Partnership; he has previously held leadership positions
22 with the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives, Chamber
23 Professionals of East Texas, and the Volunteer Services Council of
24 the Lufkin State School; and

1 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his peers, this certified
2 chamber of commerce executive has received numerous accolades; the
3 Chamber Executives of East Texas named him Chamber of Commerce
4 Executive of the Year, and the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives
5 has recognized him with the Distinguished Service Award, the Marvin
6 Hurley Award, and an honorary lifetime membership; furthermore, he
7 received the Hall of Honor Award from the Texas Festivals and Events
8 Association in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, The civic spirit of Jerry Huffman has greatly
10 contributed to the vibrancy of his community, and his vision for a
11 prosperous and productive future will continue to benefit countless
12 residents of Lufkin and Angelina County for years to come; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Jerry Huffman for his dedicated service
16 to the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce and extend to him
17 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Huffman as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.