

By: Rodriguez of Travis

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Elliott Naishtat claims that he is
2 celebrating his 70th birthday on February 15, 2015, despite
3 everyone's conclusion that their party invitation must have gotten
4 lost in the mail; and

5 WHEREAS, This Brooklyn native served as a VISTA volunteer in
6 Eagle Pass and San Antonio, but he was deemed too weird by both
7 communities and was permanently exiled to Austin, where he ended up
8 getting a gig in the Texas Legislature for 13 terms and counting;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, While Elliott, also known as the Hebrew Hammer,
11 Mighty Mensch, and Tenacious Member of the Tribe, is well known for
12 his social consciousness and dedication to the Texas Legislature,
13 he is particularly famous for his unmatched devotion to
14 all-you-can-eat buffets and his extraordinary collection of
15 take-home plastic containers; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Naishtat has invested a lifetime
17 honing his considerable skills scrounging free food from friends,
18 relatives, constituents, and the wedding receptions of complete
19 strangers; and

20 WHEREAS, A recent visit to a Minneapolis hospital has
21 inspired him to forgo any participation in this year's Tour de
22 France cycling race and to spend his time instead mastering his
23 culinary skills in the arts of preprepared granola and boiled eggs;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, His insatiable appetite for current events and the
2 news has contributed to the accumulation of decades' worth of *New*
3 *York Times* issues, which are neatly arranged and sorted into piles
4 in his garage, waiting to be read and edited; and

5 WHEREAS, The irony is inescapable that Representative
6 Naishtat has himself awarded an estimated 93 percent of his
7 constituents with their own birthday resolutions; if this
8 resolution were a bill, it would almost certainly be vetoed by the
9 governor; and

10 WHEREAS, His leadership and grit fighting for working
11 families has established a high standard that has guided many of his
12 colleagues throughout his distinguished 24 years in office; he has
13 been recognized by numerous community organizations, including the
14 AARP, the American Cancer Society, the Sierra Club, the Texas
15 Council on Family Violence, the Texas Freedom Network, Public
16 Citizen, and the National Association of Social Workers; and

17 WHEREAS, It is with the utmost respect and honor that the
18 members of this chamber wish him mazel tov on the occasion of his
19 70th birthday; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th birthday of the Honorable
22 Elliott Naishtat, the dean of the Travis County delegation,
23 assuming he is still awake by the time this final clause is read,
24 and extend to him best wishes for a truly memorable birthday
25 celebration; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Representative Naishtat as an expression of high

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1 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.