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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and colleagues of Calvin Whittaker are
2 gathering on March 20, 2015, to commemorate his retirement as chief
3 maintenance engineer of Wilson Plaza in Corpus Christi, after three
4 decades of outstanding service; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Cayman Islands, Mr. Whittaker became
6 an American citizen and went on to join the United States Merchant
7 Marine; he sailed to ports all over the world during his enlistment,
8 honing his skills while operating the machinery in the ship's
9 engine room; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Whittaker's experience led to his employment in
11 1985 at Wilson Plaza, a historic office building recognized as the
12 first skyscraper erected in Corpus Christi; in his position as
13 chief maintenance engineer, his responsibilities have included
14 overseeing the mechanical spaces housed in the facility's basement;
15 during his long tenure, he witnessed many changes as the building
16 was expanded and modernized to keep pace with the city's growth, and
17 he enjoyed a special rapport with the tenants who relied on his
18 technical abilities and know-how; and

19 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Whittaker has been blessed with
20 the love and support of a fine family that includes his wife, Betty
21 Whittaker, and his children, Ricky Whittaker and his wife, Odell,
22 Micky Whittaker and his wife, Sally, and Geoffry Whittaker, as well
23 as his grandchildren, Chloe, Emma, Matthew, and Nicole; and

24 WHEREAS, While tenants at Wilson Plaza will greatly miss the

1 tireless dedication that Calvin Whittaker showed in keeping that
2 facility humming all these years, he leaves behind a worthy example
3 for his successor to follow, and it is a great pleasure to join in
4 honoring this esteemed citizen as he embarks on the next exciting
5 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Calvin Whittaker on the occasion of
8 his retirement as chief maintenance engineer of Wilson Plaza and
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Whittaker as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.