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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 80th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and James R. Gasper of Missouri City is
3 reaching that impressive milestone on the Fourth of July, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Gasper was born in 1935 to James and Anne Gasper
5 on the South Side of Chicago, where he attended Catholic schools and
6 graduated from St. Ignatius High School; after earning his
7 bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland in
8 1957, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and
9 was stationed as a special services officer at Camp Leroy Johnson in
10 New Orleans; and

11 WHEREAS, Completing his military service at the rank of
12 captain, Mr. Gasper remained in New Orleans and took a job with Dun
13 & Bradstreet; in 1961, he met Georgia Ann Fredrickson, and they
14 married the following year; the couple began a family while
15 Mr. Gasper continued his education at Loyola University New
16 Orleans; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1969, Mr. Gasper and his family moved to Houston,
18 where he pursued a career in hospital administration, working as
19 director of government reporting, first for Hermann Hospital and
20 then the Memorial Hospital system, and earning a master's degree in
21 health care administration at Texas Woman's University; later in
22 his career, he served as coordinator of patient satisfaction at
23 Southwest Hospital, and he retired in 2003 as a reimbursement
24 specialist at The University of Texas Medical Branch; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Gasper takes delight in spending time with his
2 wife, Georgia, his children, Diedra, Paul, Henry, and Charles, and
3 his eight grandchildren at the family beach house in Galveston; he
4 has been active in his community as a Special Olympics coach, as the
5 treasurer of two homeowners' associations, as director and
6 secretary of the Palmer Water Utility Water District, and as a board
7 member for the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance; a man of
8 strong religious faith, he has taught in the Learning English
9 Ministry at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land, brings
10 meals to shut-ins with the Helping Hands Ministry, and attends the
11 church's Tuesday morning Bible study class; and

12 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all who are privileged to
13 know him, Jim Gasper may reflect with great satisfaction on a
14 lifetime of achievement, and it is a pleasure to join his many
15 friends and loved ones in honoring him on this memorable occasion;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate James Gasper on his 80th birthday
19 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
20 be it further

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