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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Threlkeld of Tyler is celebrating his
2 50th anniversary in the insurance business in 2015, and this
3 milestone presents a fitting opportunity to take note of his
4 outstanding record of success and service to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Threlkeld grew up on a farm near Ladonia, and he
6 joined the U.S. Army in 1955; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree
7 in business under the G.I. Bill from East Texas State College, now
8 Texas A&M University--Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, After working as an accountant and auditor for
10 Squyres, Johnson, Squyres in Tyler, Mr. Threlkeld began his career
11 in insurance with a brief stint at State Farm before joining the
12 Clyde & Prestridge Insurance Agency as an agent and accountant;
13 within a year, he bought a half interest in the company, and he
14 owned the agency outright by 1974; after merging with other
15 agencies, he established his own company, Threlkeld & Company
16 Insurance, in 1982; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Threlkeld & Company is one of the largest
18 full-service insurance agencies in East Texas, and Mr. Threlkeld
19 serves as its chief executive officer, while his son, Todd
20 Threlkeld, who joined the agency in 1988, serves as president; a
21 number of TCI employees have been with the company for many years,
22 ensuring reliability and continuity of service for its customers;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Long committed to advancing worthy causes and

1 organizations, Mr. Threlkeld holds 50-year certificates from the
2 Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and the Shriners; he is the
3 founder and chair of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for East Texas,
4 and he has served as president, chair, and member of the board of
5 the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program at Texas A&M
6 University, the Texas A&M University--Commerce Foundation, and the
7 American Cancer Society; an ardent patron of the Tyler Cattle
8 Barons' Gala, a fund-raiser for the ACS, he is famous for presenting
9 custom cowboy boots to those who chair the annual event; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Threlkeld and the staff of his
11 company support the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the American
12 Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Salvation Army's holiday
13 Kettle Drive, and the Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Threlkeld's many awards include the Build East
15 Texas Award of Excellence from the Texas House of Representatives,
16 the W. E. "Bill" and Mary Clements Outstanding Leadership in
17 Agriculture Memorial Award, and the Cystic Fibrosis Breath of Life
18 Award; in 2015, he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of
19 Texas A&M University--Commerce; and

20 WHEREAS, Kenneth Threlkeld has proven himself a business and
21 civic leader of great vision and ability, and it is a privilege to
22 recognize him for all he has done to help build a brighter future
23 for East Texas and for his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
25 Legislature hereby honor Kenneth W. Threlkeld for his 50 years in
26 the insurance industry and for his outstanding civic leadership and
27 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mr. Threlkeld as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.