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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and L. Don Perkins of Cedar Park marked this
3 significant milestone in his life on July 29, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Amory, Mississippi, in 1927, Don Perkins
5 enlisted in the United States Army not long before the end of World
6 War II and went on to serve in the Marine Reserve; after attending
7 Hinds Junior College, where he was a member of the football team, he
8 completed his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and
9 business at Mississippi State University; he pursued a career in
10 the energy sector and was especially involved in natural gas
11 processing; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins has shared a fulfilling marriage of 64
13 years with his fellow MSU graduate Virginia Barfield Perkins; they
14 are the parents of three treasured children, and they take great
15 pride in their eight grandchildren; before moving to Central Texas
16 in March 2017, the couple lived in Houston for more than six
17 decades; and

18 WHEREAS, An avid fisherman, Mr. Perkins was involved in the
19 early development of the Coastal Conservation Association, and he
20 launched the Star Tournament, which boasted more than 40,000
21 participants in 2016; he was also appointed to the Gulf Coast Marine
22 Fishery Council by President George H. W. Bush; exploring other
23 parts of the country, he hiked down the Grand Canyon when he was 65
24 and again at 80, and he continued to ski the moguls until he was 84;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Don Perkins has earned the admiration and affection
3 of countless people, and it is truly a pleasure to honor him for
4 having joined an elite group of Texans who can look back on nine
5 decades of meaningful achievements; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate L. Don Perkins
8 on his 90th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for
9 continued happiness; and, be it further

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