

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.C.R. No. 66

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Eugene Adrian Van Zelfden Jr. of Austin has
2 dedicated much of his life to serving his fellow citizens, and his
3 noteworthy efforts indeed merit special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, A Distinguished Honor Graduate of the U.S. Air Force
5 Academy Class of 1969, Mr. Van Zelfden proudly served his country
6 as a member of the armed forces, eventually rising to the rank of
7 captain; as a civilian, he earned an MBA from Southern Illinois
8 University in 1972 and a juris doctor degree from the Case Western
9 Reserve University School of Law in 1978; jointly licensed as a
10 certified public accountant and an attorney, he has practiced in
11 both fields since 1979, and he currently works at the Fowler Law
12 Firm in Austin and teaches business courses as an adjunct faculty
13 member at Wizard Academy; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Van Zelfden founded the Texas
15 Grassroots Coalition with the goal of informing the public of civic
16 and governmental affairs; he also wrote and published a monthly
17 newsletter about Texas government and wrote, produced, and voiced
18 the daily radio program the *Texas Minute*, which aired on 24 stations
19 across the state; he went on to organize the Tax Practice Group in
20 2002, where he served as a volunteer coordinator, teaching updates
21 in federal and state tax laws to CPAs, tax attorneys, and other tax
22 preparers in Central Texas, and in 2008, he created *Tidbits in Time*
23 *Almanac*, a modern version of Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's*
24 *Almanack*; and

1 WHEREAS, Adrian Van Zelfden is truly a public-spirited Texan,
2 and his significant contributions to his community are to be
3 commended; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby honor Eugene Adrian Van Zelfden Jr. for his outstanding
6 civic engagement and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
7 future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Van Zelfden as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.