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H.R. No. 224

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alex Napierski is celebrating his 100th birthday on
2 February 5, 2017, to the delight of a large circle of admirers; and

3 WHEREAS, The youngest child of Polish immigrants, Alex
4 Napierski was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1917; he came of age
5 during World War II, and because a perforated eardrum precluded
6 military service, he contributed to the war effort by building
7 aircraft for defense contractor Curtiss-Wright Corporation; while
8 working there, he met the love of his life, Florence; they married
9 after a long courtship and became the proud parents of three
10 children, Elizabeth, Theresa, and Robert; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Napierski later joined Trico Windshield Wipers
12 as a machine repairman; according to his supervisors and coworkers,
13 he was unsurpassed in his skill, and he was employed by the company
14 for four decades before his retirement; and

15 WHEREAS, A true family man, he helped care for his mother
16 after she suffered medical problems, and he devoted himself to the
17 well-being of Robert, who was born with Down syndrome;
18 Mr. Napierski also played a special role in the lives of his nephews
19 and nieces, who adored him for his youthful enthusiasm and
20 practical jokes; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Napierski was very involved at Robert's school,
22 the Cantilician Center; while living in Buffalo, he was active in
23 his church and various Catholic organizations, including the Holy
24 Name Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society; he and his wife

1 shared a fulfilling marriage of 42 years, and after her passing in
2 1982, Mr. Napierski became the sole caregiver for Robert; in 2015,
3 he moved to Texas with his son to be closer to his daughter,
4 Theresa; he is now surrounded by four generations of his treasured
5 family; and

6 WHEREAS, Sustained by his faith, Mr. Napierski continues to
7 attend church weekly; he still loves to dance and sing the songs of
8 his youth, and he attributes his longevity to clean living, a strong
9 prayer life, and staying active; and

10 WHEREAS, Alex Napierski has met life's challenges with
11 resilience, optimism, and determination, and he holds a special
12 place in the hearts of all who are fortunate enough to know him;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Alex Napierski on the occasion of
16 his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for
17 continued happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Napierski as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.