

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alvin M. Fuhrman celebrated his 90th birthday on
2 February 3, 2017, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity
3 to celebrate his long and extraordinary career in the
4 telecommunications industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to Henry and Elizabeth Fuhrman in 1927, Alvin
6 Fuhrman was working as an electrician in Muenster in 1949 when an
7 ice storm brought down all the local telephone lines; after the
8 telephone company's repairman left town, Mr. Fuhrman and his
9 brother, Bill, were recruited to restore service to the community;
10 Alvin Fuhrman decided to remain with the company and so began a
11 remarkable career that lasted half a century; and

12 WHEREAS, Following his two years of service with the U.S.
13 Army, Mr. Fuhrman returned to the Muenster Telephone Company in
14 1953 as its sole installer and repairman, and he set to work
15 modernizing its technology and expanding its service area; he
16 purchased the company in 1957, and over the decades, he grew the
17 business into a state-of-the-art telecommunications service
18 provider, guiding the enterprise as president and general manager;
19 now known as Nortex Communications, the company currently offers an
20 array of services that include high-definition television and
21 high-speed Internet to communities across North Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, A recognized leader in the industry, Mr. Fuhrman
23 served on the board of the Texas Telephone Association for 23 years,
24 earning its Neville Haynes Award in 1999; he is a lifelong member of

1 the VFW and the Knights of Columbus and a valued congregant at
2 Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where he has sung in the choir for
3 more than five decades; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the
4 love and support of his wife of 61 years, Gracie; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, expertise, and dynamic
6 entrepreneurship, Alvin Fuhrman has greatly benefited the people of
7 North Texas, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many
8 achievements; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Alvin M. Fuhrman on his 90th
11 birthday and commend him for his many contributions to the
12 telecommunications industry; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Fuhrman as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1463

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1463 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House