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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.