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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Paul Harasim has built a remarkable career in
2 journalism spanning more than five decades; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Flint, Michigan, Mr. Harasim attended
4 Flint Junior College, where he served as editor of the student
5 newspaper, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Alma College
6 and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati; he
7 answered his nation's call to duty during the Vietnam War as a
8 member of the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Harasim gained experience
10 covering the Vietnam War for military publications, and he has
11 since been employed by a variety of media institutions around the
12 country, including the *Houston Post*, where he was a lead columnist,
13 and the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, which he currently serves as a
14 medical columnist; he has also worked as head of communications for
15 both the University of St. Thomas and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital
16 in Houston and as an adjunct professor of journalism at Texas
17 Southern University and an adjunct professor of public relations at
18 UST; moreover, he is the author of the 1993 book *Standing Tall*,
19 which has been translated into Chinese; and

20 WHEREAS, Widely admired in his profession, Mr. Harasim has
21 garnered recognition from a host of notable organizations,
22 including the Associated Press, the Press Club of Dallas, the
23 Nevada Press Association, the Best of the West, the Public
24 Relations Society of America, and the Houston Press Club, which

1 selected him as PR Communicator of the Year five consecutive times;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, For over half a century, this accomplished
4 journalist has informed and enlightened readers with his insight
5 into a breadth of important issues, and he has set a standard of
6 professional excellence to which others may aspire; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Paul Harasim for his outstanding career in
10 journalism and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

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