

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 80th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and James W. Elliott of Waco marked this
3 significant milestone in his life on May 6, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Brenham in 1937, Mr. Elliott completed both
5 a bachelor's degree in agriculture science and a master's degree in
6 education and counseling at Prairie View A&M University; after
7 college, he served in the U.S. Army as a computer operator for
8 missile target tracking radars; he began teaching vocational
9 agriculture at Carver High School and eventually joined the faculty
10 of La Vega High; over the course of a distinguished 36-year career
11 with the La Vega Independent School District, he earned the
12 nickname "Prof" and received multiple honors, including the
13 Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Distinguished
14 Service Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott serves on the Heart of Texas Scholarship
16 Committee and the Horticulture County Extension Board, and for 20
17 years, he was a member of the Selective Service Board; he also
18 chaired the City of Waco Building Standards Commission Board, and
19 he was a deputy voter registrar and a member of the Juvenile
20 Detention Center Board in Mart; in addition, he is active in the
21 Genealogy Chapter at the Waco Public Library and helped organize
22 the Black Genealogy Chapter; he has worked with Habitat for
23 Humanity as well; and

24 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Elliott serves Second

1 Missionary Baptist Church as deacon and as vice president of the
2 Brotherhood, and he also teaches Men's Sunday School; he has been
3 Basileus and Keeper of Finance for Omega Psi Phi, and as a lifetime
4 member of the Prairie View Alumni Association, he is active in the
5 local chapter and serves on its scholarship committee; among myriad
6 accolades, he has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the
7 Prairie View A&M University College of Agriculture and the Omega
8 Man of the Year Award; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Elliott enjoys the love
10 and support of his wife, Vern D. Elliott, and his daughter, Verma
11 Lisé Elliott; and

12 WHEREAS, With the passage of another year, James Elliott may
13 reflect with pride on his wide-ranging accomplishments and on the
14 many significant contributions he has made in behalf of his fellow
15 citizens; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate James W. Elliott on his 80th
18 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
19 happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2044

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2044 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House