

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 953

**WHEREAS**, Locally owned and operated financial institutions play a vital role in the prosperity of the Lone Star State, and one such enterprise, Gladewater National Bank, is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Recognizing a need for another locally based bank in their community, seven Gladewater business owners banded together to establish the new institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Jones, Curtis Bright, Roy Brown, Jack Earp, Pete Hawthorne, Sonny Miller, and Sam Rankin laid all the groundwork for the bank, including filing the banking charter application, conducting a thorough demographic and economic survey of the region, raising \$2 million in capital from 325 shareholders, and hiring skilled employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Gladewater National Bank welcomed its first customer on May 7, 1982, and it celebrated its grand opening on June 5 of that year with a chamber of commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, In the years since, the bank has offered the residents of Gladewater and the surrounding region a full range of banking services through its main office on North Main Street and its convenience center on Broadway; and

**WHEREAS**, Gladewater National Bank has won the loyalty of many area residents while contributing to the prosperity of the local economy, and it is fitting that this notable institution be recognized for the valued service it provides to the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 35th anniversary of Gladewater National Bank and extend to its officers, shareholders, and employees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Gladewater National Bank as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate