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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Layton Wall has enriched the lives of
2 countless people through his spiritual leadership over the course
3 of more than six decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Wall began his service in the ministry when he
5 became a youth pastor at age 17; committed to spreading the gospel,
6 he focused on planting new Bible churches in the Houston area in the
7 1970s, an initiative that coincided with his tenure as senior
8 pastor of what is now BridgePoint Bible Church; he went on to serve
9 as vice president of academic affairs for Dallas Bible College in
10 the mid-1970s, and later in that decade, his vision of providing
11 quality theological training to members of minority communities
12 inspired him to found the Houston Bible Institute, which later
13 became the College of Biblical Studies; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1985, Dr. Wall organized the merger of several
15 colleges and universities to form Colorado Christian University in
16 Lakewood, Colorado, and he became the institution's first
17 president; moreover, he helped establish the Foothills Institute of
18 Biblical Studies in Colorado; in Texas, he has served as an adjunct
19 faculty member of Dallas Theological Seminary, and he currently
20 teaches as a professor at Grace School of Theology, a seminary in
21 The Woodlands; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Wall has also distinguished himself in
23 missionary work; during the early 1990s, he joined the staff of
24 Campus Crusade for Christ, and he worked closely with its founder,

1 Bill Bright, to develop distance learning opportunities for
2 students in the former Soviet Union; in 1994, he helped launch East
3 West Ministries, which focuses on reaching out to underserved areas
4 around the globe; the organization has since been involved in
5 planting more than 171,000 churches in over 50 countries; he has
6 held the offices of executive vice president of field ministries
7 and vice president of training, and he has traveled the world to
8 teach and guide the education of thousands of pastors and other
9 church leaders; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to these achievements, Dr. Wall is the
11 author of three books, one of which, *Going for the Gold*, has been
12 translated into nearly a dozen languages; he has also been involved
13 in radio programming for KHCB in Houston and KWBI in Denver; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman has exemplified the highest
15 standards of his vocation, and his many good works have earned him
16 the lasting admiration and respect of all who know him; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Joe Layton Wall for his lifelong
20 service in the ministry and extend to him sincere best wishes for
21 the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Dr. Wall as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.