

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The strength and cohesion of our communities are  
2 enhanced by the devoted efforts of individuals such as Dr. Roger  
3 I. Van Horn, whose tireless work has contributed immeasurably to  
4 the quality of life in Nacogdoches; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Van Horn attended  
6 Nathan Hale High School and continued his education at Westminster  
7 College; he went on to graduate from the University of Missouri in  
8 1970 with a degree in dentistry; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Van Horn then joined the U.S. Army, attaining  
10 the rank of major while serving as an army dentist; after leaving  
11 the military in 1975, he established a private dental practice in  
12 Nacogdoches and served local residents for nearly four decades  
13 before retiring in 2014; and

14           WHEREAS, A dedicated champion of his community, Dr. Van Horn  
15 held the office of Mayor of Nacogdoches from 2007 to 2017; he has  
16 also held leadership roles with the Nacogdoches County Chamber of  
17 Commerce, the Nacogdoches County Economic Development Corporation,  
18 the Nacogdoches Jaycees, and CASA of Deep East Texas; moreover, he  
19 helped establish the Heritage Heralds and the Nacogdoches Youth  
20 Soccer Association, and he ministers to prisoners in Henderson; in  
21 recognition of his efforts, he was named the Nacogdoches Citizen of  
22 the Year in 2013 and inducted into the Nacogdoches Heritage  
23 Festival Hall of Fame in 2015; and

24           WHEREAS, Dr. Van Horn is the devoted father of two sons,

1 Matthew and Jacob, and he also takes great pride in his four  
2 grandchildren, Eloise, Ivan, Anna Everett, and Leo; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger Van Horn has demonstrated a lasting commitment  
4 to making Nacogdoches a better place for all, and in so doing, he  
5 has earned the deep respect and appreciation of his fellow  
6 residents; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Roger I. Van Horn for his service to  
9 the Nacogdoches community and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
10 the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Dr. Van Horn as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1239

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1239 was adopted by the House on April 15, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House