

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Admired entrepreneur, deep-sea pioneer and native
2 Texan, Victor L. Vescovo of Dallas has captured the imagination of
3 many with his remarkable adventures at the far reaches of the world;
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5 WHEREAS, Co-founder and managing partner of Insight Equity,
6 Mr. Vescovo retired as a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2013;
7 four years later, he became the 12th American to complete the
8 Explorer's Grand Slam, summiting the tallest mountain on each
9 continent and skiing to both the North and South Poles; he then set
10 his sights on planning and completing the Five Deeps Expedition, in
11 which he piloted a submersible to the deepest point of each of the
12 world's five oceans; the stunning feats were chronicled in a
13 documentary series for the Discovery+ streaming channel; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2019, Guinness World Records recognized
15 Mr. Vescovo as the person who has covered the greatest vertical
16 distance without leaving Earth's surface; the next year, he made
17 history by descending to the bottom of the Mariana Trench multiple
18 times; in April 2021, he achieved a new goal, surveying the
19 long-lost wreckage of the USS Johnston, a Navy destroyer that sunk
20 in the pivotal Battle of Leyte Gulf during World War II and is
21 resting more than four miles below the waves; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Vescovo has completed more than 75 dives in his
23 submersible vehicle, and while exploring the depths of the ocean,
24 he and his team captured video footage of a number of species never

1 before seen by human eyes; among other discoveries, they observed a
2 new species of hadal snailfish, as well as a mysterious gelatinous
3 creature believed to be a stalked ascidian, otherwise known as a sea
4 squirt; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Vescovo served for 20 years as a U.S. Navy
6 Reserve intelligence officer; in his business career, he built on
7 stints with Military Advantage, Lehman Brothers, and Bain & Company
8 by co-founding Insight Equity; he is chair of the boards of Meadow
9 Valley Resources, MB Precision Investment Holdings, Dustex
10 Holdings, and Virtex Holdings and serves on the boards of many other
11 companies as well; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his noteworthy expeditions, Victor Vescovo
13 has advanced knowledge and sparked interest in further scientific
14 exploration, and his singular achievements have earned the great
15 admiration of many; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Victor L. Vescovo for his outstanding
18 accomplishments and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
19 success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1118

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1118 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House