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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bobby Waddle on the grand occasion of his 90th birthday, which is being celebrated with a gathering of his friends and family on June 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1933, Bobby Waddle is an esteemed Texan and a highly distinguished veteran of the United States Air Force; a lifelong member of the DeSoto community, Bobby has dedicated himself to serving the people of Texas through his exemplary civic leadership and his enduring commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, A retired colonel in the United States Air Force and an alumnus of Texas Tech University and the University of Northern Colorado, Bobby Waddle has led an impressive 30-year military career that includes serving as a fighter pilot and flight instructor as well as in chief leadership roles in education and training at the national level; with his background in agriculture and his family's long history of ranching in the DeSoto area, Bobby has also thrived in his professional endeavors in the areas of business and farming, and he has generously given back to his community over the years through his loyal and untiring support of civic and community groups and through his outstanding efforts on behalf of local government; and

WHEREAS, Bobby was elected to the DeSoto City Council in

2001, and he served as the city's mayor pro tempore before being elected mayor in 2007; he is widely respected and admired for his steadfast leadership and wise counsel, and he has volunteered his time and energy to benefit his community as a member of the boards of local government councils, natural resource conservation districts, and civic associations; his exceptional commitment to serving the people of DeSoto and the residents of North Central Texas is deeply appreciated by all, and in recognition of his remarkable contributions to his community, the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce honored him by establishing the Bobby Waddle Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Bobby has been an active member of the DeSoto Lions Club and the Texas Tech Alumni Association, and he has faithfully served his church as a member of its administrative board; a man of conviction, determination, and integrity, Bobby is a treasured member of the DeSoto community; he is beloved by his family and his many friends, and the most notable occasion of his 90th birthday celebration is indeed a fitting time for them to express their affection and appreciation for him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to Bobby Waddle and extend to him congratulations on his 90th birthday and best wishes for a joyous and memorable celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.