

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 26

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Elwood Freeman, the president of Lamesa National  
2 Bank, was honored by the Texas Bankers Association in April 2023 for  
3 his more than 75 years in the banking industry; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman began his career at First National Bank  
5 of Aspermont in 1944, and he went on to accept a position at First  
6 National Bank in Rotan; he later answered his nation's call to duty  
7 by serving in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War;  
8 following his military service, he studied finance at Texas Tech  
9 University while working part-time at the First National Bank in  
10 Lubbock, which employed him full-time once he had earned his  
11 bachelor's degree in 1957; he joined Lamesa National Bank in 1966 as  
12 executive vice president, and after seven years in that role, he was  
13 promoted to president; he has served the company in that position in  
14 the five decades since; and

15           WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Freeman has been  
16 involved in a number of civic organizations over the years, and he  
17 has served as president of the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce and  
18 the Lamesa Rotary Club and as a board member of the Medical Arts  
19 Hospital, the Bill and Elwanda Weaver Foundation, the First  
20 Methodist Church of Lamesa, FNB Aspermont, and the Texas Tech  
21 Foundation; among his many accolades, he has received a 50-year  
22 Banker Award from the Texas Bankers Association, the 1988  
23 Distinguished Service Award at the Bankers Agricultural Credit  
24 Conference, and the Banker of the Year Award at the Texas

1 Agricultural Credit Conference; and

2           WHEREAS, Through his leadership, hard work, and commitment to  
3 excellence, Elwood Freeman has greatly benefited the colleagues and  
4 clients he has served over the course of his long career in banking,  
5 and he may indeed take well-deserved pride in his professional  
6 achievements; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Elwood Freeman for his more than 75  
9 years of service in banking and extend to him sincere best wishes  
10 for continued success; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Freeman as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.