RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Robert D.
"Bob" Hunter, is celebrating his 75th birthday on June 25, 2003, and
it gives the members of this chamber great pleasure to recognize him
in anticipation of this momentous occasion; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Abilene Christian University, where he
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earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration, Dr. Hunter was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Pepperdine University in 1974; he also has received doctorates from Texas Wesleyan College, the University of St. Thomas, Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, and McMurry University; since 1956 he has served Abilene Christian University in many administrative capacities, and today is the greatly respected vice president emeritus of his beloved alma mater; and

WHEREAS, He has been an active supporter of the Lone Star State's institutions for higher learning throughout his career; he was the executive vice president of the 40 Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas from 1970 to 1980 and coordinated passage of the Texas Tuition Equalization Grant program; and

WHEREAS, This highly respected gentleman began his tenure in the Texas House of Representatives in 1986 after having served as a member of the Abilene City Council and as a member of the Texas Historical Commission; for five terms he held the chairmanship of the House Committee on State, Federal, and International Relations,

- during which time he represented the state to many distinguished
- 2 foreign dignitaries; he has also preserved and promoted the state's
- 3 unique heritage through history, culture, and the arts and helped
- 4 select the design of the new Lone Star quarter-dollar coin to be
- 5 released by the U.S. Mint in 2004; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A noted civic leader, Dr. Hunter has long given
- 7 generously of his time and talents to benefit the members of his
- 8 district through his involvement with a host of worthy
- 9 organizations that include Rotary International Meals on Wheels
- 10 Plus, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the Mental Health
- 11 Association, and the Salvation Army; and
- 12 WHEREAS, He has demonstrated an unwavering concern for the
- 13 health and welfare of the younger citizens of the Lone Star State
- 14 through his service on the advisory boards of the Abilene/Taylor
- 15 County Child Advocacy Center and the Chisholm Trail Council of the
- 16 Boy Scouts of America; his love of children is a trait that he
- 17 happily acquired at home as a proud father and grandfather; he and
- 18 his lovely wife, Shirley, have three grown children and have in
- 19 recent years welcomed three grandchildren to the Hunter family; and
- 20 WHEREAS, This committed public servant has made many
- 21 significant contributions to the work of this chamber over the
- 22 course of the past 17 years, and it is indeed appropriate for his
- 23 colleagues and friends to take a moment to honor him for his
- outstanding tenure; now, therefore, be it
- 25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 26 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Robert D. "Bob"
- 27 Hunter on the occasion of his upcoming birthday and extend to him

- 1 warmest best wishes for a happy and rewarding year; and, be it
- 2 further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Dr. Hunter as an expression of high regard by his
- 5 colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1736 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House