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H.R. No. 2040

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Paul Beard of Port Arthur has long dedicated himself  
2 to the betterment of his community, and his leadership and  
3 generosity of spirit have earned him the heartfelt admiration of  
4 all who know him; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of San Augustine County, Mr. Beard  
6 graduated from Zavalla High School in 1949 and earned a general  
7 business diploma from Port Arthur College the following year; soon  
8 thereafter, he began working as an inventory clerk at Sabine  
9 Propeller and Marine Service, where he rose through the ranks to be  
10 named president and chief executive officer; since 1988, he has  
11 been president and CEO of Sabine Universal Products; and

12           WHEREAS, In April 1999, Mr. Beard was appointed to the board  
13 of the Beaumont Navigation District; in that role, he collaborated  
14 with commissioners and legislators to create the Sabine-Neches  
15 Navigation District, which operates and maintains the ship channel  
16 and navigable waters of Jefferson County, and today he serves as  
17 chair of that body; he has further distinguished himself as a  
18 committee member of the Southeast Texas Waterways Advisory Council  
19 for more than a decade, and he is a valued member of the local  
20 Propeller Club and has held numerous leadership positions with the  
21 national organization, which presented him with the Maritime Person  
22 of the Year Award in 1986; and

23           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Beard enjoys the love  
24 and support of his family; devoted to his wife, the late Grace

1 Beard, throughout a marriage that spanned 54 years, he is the proud  
2 father of 13 children; and

3 WHEREAS, Those individuals who step forward to share their  
4 time with others are indeed deserving of our profound gratitude,  
5 and it is a pleasure to honor Mr. Beard, who has enriched the lives  
6 of countless people through his community service; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commend Paul Beard for his noteworthy service to  
10 the residents of Southeast Texas and extend to him sincere best  
11 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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