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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 80th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Forney Fenimore Lawing Jr. of Tyler
3 reached that impressive milestone in his life on January 8, 2023;
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5 WHEREAS, Born in 1943 in Charlotte, North Carolina, "John"
6 Lawing grew up in Hartsville, South Carolina; in high school, he was
7 a talented running back on the football team, and he went on to earn
8 a bachelor's degree in psychology at Wofford College, where he met
9 his future wife, Judith Cottingham; the couple married in 1966, and
10 they raised a daughter, Stacey Lawing; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawing were teachers in Spartanburg,
12 South Carolina, before they moved to Myrtle Beach in 1968;
13 Mr. Lawing received a master's degree from Webster University in
14 1977 and enjoyed a rewarding career in administration at what is now
15 known as Horry-Georgetown Technical College; he served as the dean
16 of the Myrtle Beach campus before retiring in 1996; and

17 WHEREAS, That same year, Mr. and Mrs. Lawing moved to Tyler
18 to live closer to their daughter and her husband, Dr. Gerald Gray,
19 and today their family also includes two grandchildren, Gerald Gray
20 Jr. and Holly Gray; in his leisure time, Mr. Lawing has enjoyed
21 traveling and playing golf; a man of deep faith, he was a deacon at
22 Ocean View Baptist church in Myrtle Beach, and he is currently a
23 member of Green Acres Baptist Church, where he participates in
24 Sunday school class; and

1 WHEREAS, John Lawing is a source of wisdom and inspiration to
2 all who are privileged to know him, and it is indeed a pleasure to
3 honor him for eight decades of life well lived; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
6 hereby congratulate Forney Fenimore Lawing Jr. on the occasion of
7 his 80th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for
8 continued happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Lawing as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 Senate.