RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Freshman legislator Roy Blake, Jr., celebrated his 49th birthday on February 5, 2005, and this noteworthy occasion offers a fitting opportunity to recognize this esteemed new member of the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Representative Blake is a lifelong resident of Nacogdoches County, and his victory comes as no surprise to those who are familiar with the political career of his father, Roy Blake, Sr., who served in both the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, This fifth-generation East Texan is a graduate of Nacogdoches High School and Stephen F. Austin State University and earned his bachelor's degree in public administration; he and his wife, Jocelyn, are the owners and operators of Roy Blake Insurance Agency, Inc., and are active members of the First United Methodist Church of Nacogdoches; and

WHEREAS, No stranger to holding public office, Representative Blake has twice served the citizens of Nacogdoches as mayor and is a former member of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments and the Alliance for I-69; he has also demonstrated his leadership skills as president of the United Way Board, chairman of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Deep East Texas Development Association; and

WHEREAS, Supported in all of his endeavors by his wife and his three children, Franci, R. M., and Catherine, Representative Blake

will undoubtedly serve the citizens of East Texas with the same integrity and enthusiasm with which he has undertaken all of life's challenges, and the members of this chamber are pleased to honor him as he celebrates his 49th birthday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby recognize the Honorable Roy Blake, Jr., on the occasion of his 49th birthday and extend to him best wishes for a happy and memorable year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Representative Blake as an expression of high regard from his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 193

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 193 was adopted by the House on February 7, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House