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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Michael Maples retired as deputy executive  
2 commissioner for the Health and Specialty Care System at the Texas  
3 Health and Human Services Commission in June 2021, drawing to a  
4 close an outstanding career in public service that spanned nearly  
5 three decades; and

6           WHEREAS, Mike Maples earned his bachelor's degree in  
7 psychology from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and his  
8 master's degree in human services from St. Edward's University;  
9 after working briefly in the private sector, he began his career in  
10 public service as a unit behavior therapy program director at the  
11 Corpus Christi State School in 1992; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 29-year tenure with  
13 the State of Texas, Commissioner Maples held leadership positions  
14 with a number of health agencies; as assistant deputy commissioner  
15 for the Department of State Health Services, he oversaw the Office  
16 of Academic Affairs, the Center for Health Statistics, the Center  
17 for Health Policy and Performance, the Vital Statistics Section,  
18 the Office of Border Services, and the state hospitals; and

19           WHEREAS, Commissioner Maples helped found the Health and  
20 Specialty Care System, and as deputy executive commissioner for the  
21 system, he was responsible for 10 state hospitals and 13 state  
22 supported living centers across Texas; he worked tirelessly to  
23 bring mental health and substance abuse services to communities  
24 across the state and helped establish Texas as a leader in forensic

1 inpatient mental health services; his efforts to modernize and  
2 expand the state's psychiatric hospitals resulted in the  
3 construction of two new hospitals, with a third in the planning  
4 stages for the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2020 and 2021, Commissioner Maples worked nearly  
6 around the clock to address the challenges of the COVID-19  
7 pandemic; throughout his career, he has been an indispensable  
8 source of expertise on mental health and intellectual and  
9 developmental disability for members of the legislature and other  
10 officials; a leader in his field, he has served as president of the  
11 National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, and  
12 he has also been active with several state and national boards and  
13 associations; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to his many professional achievements,  
15 Mr. Maples has found time to serve his community as a volunteer  
16 firefighter and emergency medical technician; in all his endeavors,  
17 he has benefited from the love and support of his wife, Connie  
18 Maples, and his three children, Garrett, Taylor, and Carley; and

19 WHEREAS, Mike Maples has made a positive and lasting  
20 difference in the lives of countless Texans, and he may indeed  
21 reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks upon the  
22 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Michael  
25 Maples on his retirement from the Texas Health and Human Services  
26 Commission and commend him for his many years of dedicated service;  
27 and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. Maples as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
3 House of Representatives.