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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Alex Sutton retired on December 4, 2020, as  
2 co-president of The Woodlands Development Company, a subsidiary of  
3 The Howard Hughes Corporation; and

4           WHEREAS, A licensed professional engineer and certified  
5 public accountant, Mr. Sutton holds both a bachelor's and a  
6 master's degree in civil engineering from Rice University, as well  
7 as a master's degree in business administration from the University  
8 of Houston; he worked with the Exxon Mobil Corporation and then  
9 managed complex projects for municipal and private clients as a  
10 shareholder in Pate Engineers; after eight years as a consultant  
11 for The Woodlands, he joined The Woodlands Development Company as  
12 vice president of engineering and construction in 1994; eleven  
13 years later, he was named co-president; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton managed the design and construction of  
15 the extension of major thoroughfares in The Woodlands, as well as  
16 residential home sections, commercial building sites, The  
17 Woodlands Waterway, and all six Waterway bridges; in addition, he  
18 oversaw such commercial developments as Town Green Park, Waterway  
19 Square, and numerous hotel, retail, multifamily, and office  
20 buildings; during his tenure, the population of The Woodlands grew  
21 from 10,000 to 115,000; and

22           WHEREAS, Dedicated to founder George Mitchell's vision of The  
23 Woodlands as a self-contained community with a strong social  
24 fabric, Mr. Sutton benefited his fellow residents through both his

1 professional endeavors and his civic engagement; he was a founding  
2 director and chair of The Woodlands Arts Council and director of The  
3 Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands Economic  
4 Development Partnership, and the Montgomery County Community  
5 Foundation; his many leadership roles further included director and  
6 chair of the North Houston Association, Montgomery County Youth  
7 Services, and Interfaith of The Woodlands, which named him a  
8 Hometown Hero in 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, Alex Sutton was instrumental in the evolution of The  
10 Woodlands into one of the country's most vibrant master-planned  
11 communities, and his outstanding contributions will continue to  
12 resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Alex Sutton on his retirement as  
15 co-president of The Woodlands Development Company and extend to him  
16 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mr. Sutton as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.