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H.R. No. 1474

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eddie Edwards retired as Borger city manager on
2 March 31, 2021, drawing to a close an exemplary 41-year career with
3 the municipal government; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Borger, Mr. Edwards joined the
5 city in 1980 as a water maintenance supervisor and rose to become
6 assistant utilities director; in 2006, he was named assistant city
7 manager and human resources director, and he was appointed city
8 manager four years later; his outstanding tenure saw such major
9 developments as the \$35 million Northwest Wellfield Project, which
10 brought close to a billion dollars in industrial investment into
11 the community and substantially increased the tax bases of
12 Hutchinson County, the Borger Independent School District, the
13 Frank Phillips College District, and the Hutchinson County Hospital
14 District; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards also oversaw renovations to the Borger
16 Central Fire Station and the purchase and renovation of the
17 building that now serves as the police station; moreover, the old
18 police station was converted into the Borger Municipal Building,
19 which today houses the municipal court and the city's regional
20 communications center; and

21 WHEREAS, Exercising sound fiscal judgment, Mr. Edwards was
22 instrumental in the increase of the city's financial reserves from
23 \$1.5 million to approximately \$10 million; the Boomtown 2040
24 Long-Range Comprehensive Plan was completed, and in 2018, the city

1 council adopted a new mission and vision statement; in partnership
2 with the county, the city acquired property for a convention and
3 civic center and completed preparations for the groundbreaking; his
4 many accolades include the Goodwin Regional Public Administrator
5 Award from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and he was a
6 member of the American Water Works Association and Texas City
7 Management Association, among other professional organizations;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards will continue to serve his fellow
10 citizens in his new role as city manager emeritus; in all his
11 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Cambden
12 Edwards, and he takes great pride in their sons, Thomas and his
13 wife, Julie, and James and his wife, Crysann, and in their
14 grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, A strong and dynamic leader, Eddie Edwards helped
16 guide Borger through a period of tremendous progress, and his
17 accomplishments have produced results of lasting benefit to area
18 residents; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Eddie Edwards on his retirement as
21 Borger city manager and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
22 future; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Edwards as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.