

By: Price

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Hal Talton has distinguished
2 himself through his exemplary service as chief of staff and general
3 counsel to State Representative Four Price; and

4 WHEREAS, Since joining Representative Price's office in
5 January 2011, Mr. Talton has devoted himself tirelessly to meeting
6 the needs of constituents in House District 87, and he has worked to
7 promote rural areas in order to ensure they are recognized for their
8 value in providing Texans and the world with food, fuel, and fiber;
9 he has championed greater access to broadband and health care for
10 rural areas, including hospitals, telemedicine, and telehealth,
11 and he has been instrumental in making sure that rural communities
12 have equal access to match grant funding for mental health
13 programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Talton's dedication to advancing health care
15 extends throughout Texas, and his interest in this issue has led him
16 to tour numerous hospitals, health science universities, and
17 state-supported living centers; he has also sought to ensure that
18 mental health is taken as seriously as other health conditions,
19 working to secure insurance parity for persons with mental illness
20 and striving to improve student mental health and the nexus between
21 mental health and criminal justice; and

22 WHEREAS, This skilled public servant has been instrumental to
23 the passage of much legislation and has played a vital role in
24 Representative Price's accomplishments, including assistance for

1 injured Texans, the brain health of student-athletes, and the
2 reorganization for greater efficiency of the state's health care
3 agencies during the Sunset Commission process as well as bills
4 addressing water issues, the potential expansion of Interstate 27,
5 broadband, and health care; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure, Mr. Talton has made
7 frequent visits to the Panhandle area; he has met with local elected
8 officials and school superintendents, and he has toured oil
9 refineries, schools, universities, cattle feed yards, irrigation
10 sites, wind farms, health care sites, and the facilities of Bell; in
11 Austin, he has been an inspiring mentor to many newcomers to the
12 legislative process and a welcoming host to visitors to
13 Representative Price's office at the Capitol; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Talton earned his bachelor's and master's
15 degrees in business administration from East Texas State
16 University, and he received his law degree from the University of
17 Arkansas at Fayetteville; he also holds a graduate certificate in
18 health care administration from Texas State University; and

19 WHEREAS, Hal Talton's passion for the lawmaking process,
20 dedication to good public policy, and commitment to excellence have
21 greatly benefited citizens in House District 87 and throughout
22 Texas and earned him the respect and admiration of his peers at the
23 State Capitol and beyond, and he may indeed reflect with pride on
24 his many contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Hal Talton on his outstanding
27 service as chief of staff and general counsel to State

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1 Representative Four Price and extend to him sincere best wishes for
2 continued success in his important work; and, be it further

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