SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

WHEREAS, Michael J. Scarpello is retiring as the Dallas County elections administrator on December 19, 2023, drawing to a close a notable career that has spanned more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, Michael Scarpello first took the helm of the Dallas County Elections Department on December 7, 2020; over the course of his exemplary tenure, he has effectively managed the operations of the department, which includes more than 50 full-time employees and over 5,000 seasonal election workers who serve the county's 1.4 million registered voters; he has implemented a number of innovative initiatives designed to improve and modernize the department's processes, facilities, technology, communications, and organization; among other achievements, he added a real-time poll tracker, revamped the training for elections equipment, and created a database of information on voting centers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scarpello brought to his position 20 years of experience in elections management; after beginning his career in Nebraska as the chief deputy election commissioner and elections manager from 2000 to 2007, he went on to work in Colorado as the director of elections from 2007 to 2011, in California as the registrar of voters from 2011 to 2018, and in Arizona as the vice president of election management systems from 2019 to 2020; he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska Omaha and a juris doctor degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law, and he is certified as an elections administrator by the National Association of Election Officials; and

WHEREAS, Michael Scarpello has greatly benefited the residents of Dallas County through his steadfast commitment to maintaining the efficiency, accuracy, and transparency of the elections process, and his contributions have earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens and professional colleagues alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Michael J. Scarpello on his retirement as the Dallas County elections administrator and commend him for his dedicated service; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Scarpello as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Johnson, Parker

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 5, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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