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H.R. No. 78

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Borger was honored with the Texas
2 Planning Award for Community of the Year by the Texas Chapter of the
3 American Planning Association at an award ceremony in Corpus
4 Christi on November 10, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, The APA Texas Planning Awards Program recognizes
6 individuals, organizations, and communities for outstanding
7 contributions to planning in the Lone Star State, and nominees are
8 evaluated based on originality and innovation, engagement,
9 implementation and effectiveness, quality, and promotion of
10 planning; and

11 WHEREAS, The city garnered praise for a number of significant
12 investments made in the last several years, such as providing \$33
13 million for new water infrastructure in 2017 and adopting a
14 strategic plan emphasizing community involvement, entertainment
15 events, housing, industry diversification, and infrastructure in
16 2018; furthermore, the city created four policy and regulatory
17 documents, a Comprehensive Plan (Boomtown 2040), a Parks, Trails,
18 and Recreation Master Plan, a Downtown Revitalization Plan, and a
19 Unified Land Development Ordinance, which was adopted in July 2022;
20 as a result, the community has already received a considerable
21 amount of grant funding for various improvements; and

22 WHEREAS, Borger benefits from the adept and forward-thinking
23 leadership of mayor Karen Felker, city council members Milton
24 Ooley, Charles "Pete" Loftis, Kim Perez, and Robert Lawrence, city

1 manager Garrett Spradling, assistant city manager Brandon Strobe,
2 and city manager emeritus Eddie Edwards, as well as from the hard
3 work and dedication of the city's planning staff, the members of the
4 Planning and Zoning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Advisory
5 Committee, and residents who gave public opinion input; and

6 WHEREAS, The city of Borger has earned well-deserved
7 recognition for its strong commitment to excellence and community
8 development, and area residents may indeed take pride in this
9 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the city of
12 Borger on its receipt of the 2023 Texas Planning Award for Community
13 of the Year from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning
14 Association and extend to city officials and staff sincere best
15 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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