

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Don Ward is retiring as founding executive director  
2 of the One-Call Board of Texas following 26 years of distinguished  
3 service in that role; and

4           WHEREAS, The One-Call Board of Texas, formally known as the  
5 Texas Underground Facility Notification Corporation, was created  
6 to implement and oversee the statewide "One-Call" excavation  
7 notification system, established in 1997 through passage of the  
8 Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act; also known  
9 as the 811 Call Before You Dig Act, this legislation protects Texans  
10 when excavations are done near utility lines by requiring utilities  
11 to mark their facilities and obliging excavators to call 811 before  
12 they begin their work; and

13           WHEREAS, Don Ward has served as executive director since the  
14 inception of the One-Call Board; throughout his tenure, he has  
15 worked diligently and effectively with its governor-appointed  
16 members, utilities, and notification centers to ensure the safety  
17 of the public; and

18           WHEREAS, A native of Bryan, Mr. Ward grew up in Houston and  
19 graduated from Lamar High School; he transferred from Texas A&M  
20 University to Sam Houston State University to pursue his rodeo  
21 career in bull riding, and he was eventually inducted into the Texas  
22 Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame; for his graduate studies, he returned to  
23 Texas A&M; and

24           WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Ward was recruited by the Brazos County

1 district judge to serve as an aide and driver for Senator Bill  
2 Moore's campaign; the following year, he joined the Legislative  
3 Budget Board as a budget examiner; he went on to work in public  
4 policy advocacy for a number of associations, among them the Texas  
5 Good Roads Association, the Texas Veterinary Medical Association,  
6 and the Texas Pest Control Association; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Ward benefits from the  
8 love and support of his wife, Leslie Ward; they are the proud  
9 parents of three children, and he plans to spend his retirement on  
10 their ranch enjoying the company of his 10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his longstanding commitment to the vital  
12 mission of the One-Call Board, Don Ward has contributed  
13 significantly to the safety and well-being of his fellow Texans,  
14 and as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life, he may  
15 indeed reflect with pride on his accomplishments; now, therefore,  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
18 hereby congratulate Don Ward on his retirement as executive  
19 director of the One-Call Board of Texas and extend to him sincere  
20 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Ward as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives and Senate.

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Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
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Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
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Collier	Klick	Slawson
Cook	Kuempel	Smith
Cortez	Lalani	Smithee
Craddick	Lambert	Spiller
Cunningham	Landgraf	Stucky
Darby	Leach	Swanson
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Talarico
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DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Thierry
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thimesch
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson of Brazoria
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Harris
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Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Troxclair
Garcia	Metcalf	Turner
Gates	Meyer	VanDeaver
Gerdes	Meza	Vasut
Geren	Moody	Vo
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Walle
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Wilson
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wu
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 122 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 122 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2023, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Governor