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H.R. No. 1328

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Edward Sills retired as communications director for  
2 the Texas AFL-CIO on February 7, 2025, following a distinguished  
3 tenure that spanned more than three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Hired in 1993, Ed Sills dedicated over 31 years to  
5 raising awareness of issues vital to working Texans; his daily  
6 email updates and public-facing communications helped shape not  
7 only the internal culture of the organization, but also its outward  
8 identity; with a style informed by journalism and rooted in  
9 authenticity, history, and clarity, he established a uniquely  
10 trusted and influential voice with communities across Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Sills was instrumental in the expansion and  
12 operation of the Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Program, which has  
13 granted over \$650,000 to Texas students since 2006; in addition, he  
14 played a key role in public policy work, and he collaborated closely  
15 with labor leaders and elected officials; he also helped organize  
16 disaster relief efforts across the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Before joining the Texas AFL-CIO, Mr. Sills was  
18 employed in journalism for 12 years, most notably as Austin bureau  
19 chief for *The San Antonio Light* and as an occasional columnist for  
20 *The Quorum Report*; he holds a bachelor's degree in English and a law  
21 degree from Cornell University; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Sills enjoys the love and  
23 support of his wife, Enedelia Obregón, and he is the proud father of  
24 two children, Alejandro and Graciela; in retirement, he looks

1 forward to spending more time with his family, traveling, and  
2 pursuing such hobbies as birding, playing trivia, and collecting  
3 puzzles; and

4 WHEREAS, A tireless champion of working families, Ed Sills  
5 contributed significantly to the advancement of the labor movement  
6 through his skill, professionalism, and unyielding commitment to  
7 the important mission of the Texas AFL-CIO, and he has earned the  
8 lasting respect and admiration of innumerable people; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Edward Sills on his retirement as  
12 communications director for the Texas AFL-CIO and extend to him  
13 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. Sills as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.