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H.R. No. 2

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 recognize David E. Soileau on the occasion of his retirement from  
3 the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) after nearly 23  
4 years of loyal service to the state; and

5           WHEREAS, A Louisiana native, Mr. Soileau attended the  
6 University of Notre Dame, where he received a bachelor's degree in  
7 government, and he went on to earn a law degree from the Louisiana  
8 State University Law School; and

9           WHEREAS, This notable state employee began his tenure with  
10 the Texas Department of Transportation in the fall of 1980, while  
11 working toward his master's of business administration at The  
12 University of Texas at Austin; his exceptional performance on the  
13 job enabled him to become the sole federal legislative analyst in  
14 TxDOT's division of planning and policy in 1988; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Soileau has served the transportation  
16 department in numerous capacities since becoming manager of federal  
17 legislative affairs; he has played an essential role in monumental  
18 gains in transportation funding, leading the Lone Star State's  
19 effort to capture more federal highway dollars by drafting the STEP  
20 21 bill, which resulted in an increase of approximately \$700  
21 million per year in federal highway funds; and

22           WHEREAS, An exemplary public servant, David Soileau has been  
23 an inspiration to all those who have had the pleasure of knowing and  
24 working with him, and his presence at the Texas Department of

1 Transportation will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend David Soileau for  
4 his many years of invaluable service to the State of Texas and  
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for a happy and fulfilling  
6 retirement; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Mr. Soileau as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.