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H.R. No. 124

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
2 employee James G. "Jim" Freeman is retiring as district engineer of
3 the agency's Paris District after more than 30 years of dedicated
4 service with the department, and this occasion offers a fitting
5 opportunity to reflect on his outstanding career; and

6 WHEREAS, A Cross Plains native, Mr. Freeman began his
7 affiliation with TxDOT as a summer intern in 1967 while pursuing his
8 bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University;
9 after graduating in 1971, he was hired as a full-time engineering
10 assistant in the Childress District of Knox County; and

11 WHEREAS, Three years later, this dedicated professional took
12 a job in the district design office, and in 1976 he was named area
13 engineer for Childress and Hall counties; the next 11 years were a
14 time of increased responsibility for Mr. Freeman, as his purview
15 expanded to include six additional counties and he assumed the role
16 of district pavement manager; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1987 he was selected as the district construction
18 engineer for the Childress District and was charged with overseeing
19 the construction activities in three area offices and directing the
20 district's lab functions; he was promoted to director of
21 transportation planning and development for the district in 1993, a
22 post that required the full range of his myriad talents and skills;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Since 1999 Mr. Freeman has held his current position

1 as district engineer for the Paris District, and during that time
2 the district received honorable mention in competition for the 2000
3 and 2002 Environmental Achievement Award and was named the
4 recipient of the 2001 Texas Quality Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Award;
5 he has also found time to serve his community as president of the
6 local Lions Club and as a member of the Childress Regional Medical
7 Center's Board of Directors; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Freeman has devoted himself to serving his
9 fellow citizens throughout the course of his remarkable career, and
10 it is indeed a privilege to recognize this exemplary public servant
11 and to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor James G. "Jim"
15 Freeman on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Department
16 of Transportation and extend to him best wishes for many years of
17 happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Freeman as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.