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H.R. No. 195

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Glen Castlebury of Austin, whose association with  
2 Texas state government extends back more than 3-1/2 decades, is  
3 retiring August 31, 2003, as special assistant to the executive  
4 director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); and

5           WHEREAS, A member of the TDCJ staff since 1994, Mr.  
6 Castlebury served as the agency's director of public information  
7 for a number of years before assuming his present post; in his role  
8 as the department's spokesman, he sought to provide candid  
9 information to Texas, national, and international media while  
10 explaining the mission and various programs of the TDCJ; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Castlebury began his notable career as a  
12 newspaperman; a reporter for the *Austin American-Statesman* from  
13 1958 to 1972, he first covered the Capitol in 1967, was permanently  
14 assigned to that bureau in 1968, and served as the paper's Capitol  
15 bureau chief from 1969 to 1972; while employed with the paper he  
16 reported on the Charles Whitman/UT Tower sniper story, the  
17 Sharpstown scandal, and the Dirty 30; and

18           WHEREAS, From 1972 to 1975, Mr. Castlebury served as a public  
19 relations consultant for state legislators Dan Kubiak, John Bigham,  
20 and Bob Gammage; he then joined the staff of Bob Bullock, working  
21 with Mr. Bullock in the comptroller's office from 1975 to 1990 and  
22 in the lieutenant governor's office from 1990 to 1994; during those  
23 two decades he handled public information duties and wrote most of  
24 Mr. Bullock's speeches; and

1           WHEREAS, Over the course of his career Mr. Castlebury has  
2 received a host of accolades, including awards from the Headliners  
3 Club, the Associated Press Managing Editors, and the Texas  
4 Institute of Letters; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Castlebury is married to the former Carol Martin  
6 of Atlanta, whom he met while both were journalists covering the  
7 Texas Capitol; and

8           WHEREAS, Proud to bear the title Dean of the Government  
9 Flacks, Glen Castlebury has proven his exceptional ability in one  
10 demanding arena after another, and he is indeed deserving of  
11 commendation for his outstanding professional accomplishments and  
12 for the part he has long played in making possible an informed Texas  
13 citizenry; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Glen  
16 Castlebury on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas  
17 Department of Criminal Justice and extend to him sincere  
18 appreciation for his distinguished service to the Lone Star State;  
19 and, be it further

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