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H.R. No. 104

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Steve Robinson, executive director of the Texas  
2 Youth Commission, has devoted most of his adult life to helping the  
3 delinquent youth of Texas become productive citizens, and his  
4 retirement from the commission on September 30, 2003, brings to a  
5 close an exceptional career with that agency; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's experience with the youth commission  
7 includes work as a hearings examiner, internal auditor, halfway  
8 house administrator, and institution superintendent; he served as  
9 chief of the Travis County probation department for seven years  
10 before taking the helm of the commission in 1993; and

11           WHEREAS, Under his able leadership, the youth commission has  
12 instituted several innovative programs, including a specialized  
13 treatment program for parolees, a nationally recognized  
14 rehabilitation program that is now used by other states, and a  
15 residential program for juvenile female offenders and their babies;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has always been generous in sharing his  
18 juvenile corrections experience with those who are new to the  
19 profession, and he has made his top-notch staff available to other  
20 states and groups that are seeking information about the  
21 commission's best practices; and

22           WHEREAS, Actively involved in a number of professional  
23 organizations, he has supported the work of the American  
24 Correctional Association, the Council of Juvenile Corrections

1 Administrators, and the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)  
2 of Travis County, and he has served as president of the Texas  
3 Probation Association; in addition, he serves on the Texas  
4 Incentive and Productivity Commission and has chaired the State  
5 Employee Charitable Campaign State Policy Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2000, then Governor George W. Bush nominated Mr.  
7 Robinson to the Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellowship  
8 Program, the nation's premier leadership-development program for  
9 state officials, and he was subsequently elected president of his  
10 fellowship class; and

11 WHEREAS, This outstanding public servant is a graduate of Sam  
12 Houston State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in  
13 criminology and corrections in 1973, and Southwest Texas State  
14 University, where he earned a master's degree in public  
15 administration in 1982; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson is a member of Covenant Presbyterian  
17 Church, together with his wife Karen, and serves its congregation  
18 as a deacon; his roots in Central Texas run deep, for he is a  
19 fourth-generation Travis County resident, an Austinite who grew up  
20 on a ranch where the Arboretum now stands; and

21 WHEREAS, Steve Robinson has given unstintingly of his talents  
22 and efforts in behalf of the people of Texas, and his unfailing  
23 integrity, helpfulness, and commitment to the mission of his agency  
24 have won him widespread esteem and appreciation; now, therefore, be  
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
27 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Steve Robinson on the

1 occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Texas Youth  
2 Commission and extend to him sincere best wishes as he prepares to  
3 spend time as just a cowboy for a while; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Robinson as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.