

By: Giddings

H.R. No. 211

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Ron Josselet of Austin on April
2 30, 2004, brought to a close an impressive tenure of nearly 23 years
3 with the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Executive director of the State Office of Risk
5 Management (SORM) since January 2000, Mr. Josselet began his career
6 in state government in the 1970s at the Texas Parks and Wildlife
7 Department; he has also worked for the Texas Workers' Compensation
8 Commission and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental
9 Retardation; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Josselet earned a bachelor's degree from Texas
11 Tech University, a master's degree in business administration from
12 Southwest Texas State University, and licenses in risk management
13 and workers' compensation claims adjusting from the Texas
14 Department of Insurance; this dedicated Texan also holds the
15 professional designations of associate in risk management and
16 chartered property casualty underwriter; and

17 WHEREAS, In his role as executive director of SORM, Mr.
18 Josselet served as the state risk manager for 165 agencies and
19 approximately 170,000 employees; he has been involved in the
20 development and implementation of the Texas statewide risk
21 management program since its inception in 1990 and served as the
22 first manager of the loss control section; many of the existing risk
23 prevention and loss control programs for the state were initiated
24 as a direct result of Mr. Josselet's earlier work; and

1 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, SORM has developed and
2 maintained a comprehensive set of risk management guidelines
3 intended to provide model programs, policies, and procedures to
4 guide state agencies in their risk prevention and loss control
5 efforts; substantial reductions in both the number of workers'
6 compensation claims and workers' compensation expenditures in
7 fiscal year 2004 reflect admirably on the effectiveness of his
8 leadership at the agency; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Josselet has generously shared his considerable
10 expertise in his field with the risk management community by
11 serving on the Governor's Regional Health Care Delivery Networks
12 Advisory Committee and the board of directors of the Central Texas
13 Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, which he
14 served as president for four consecutive terms; he is currently
15 president of the board of directors for the Texas Chapter of the
16 Public Risk Management Association, which named him Risk Manager of
17 the Year in 2003; a member of the Texas Safety Association, he
18 received an advanced safety certificate from the National Safety
19 Council; and

20 WHEREAS, With his unwavering commitment to excellence and
21 outstanding leadership ability, Mr. Josselet has truly been an
22 asset to his agency and to state government; although he will be
23 missed by his colleagues, the record of accomplishments that he
24 leaves behind will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
26 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Ron Josselet for
27 his years of devoted service to the State of Texas and extend to him

1 sincere best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement; and, be
2 it further

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