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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, David E. Visney retired from the Federal Railroad  
2 Administration in January 2003 after 20 years of distinguished  
3 service, and he leaves behind a legacy of railroad safety  
4 improvements that have benefited many Americans; and

5           WHEREAS, Born and raised in our nation's heartland, Mr.  
6 Visney graduated from Ohio's Bowling Green State University in 1957  
7 with a degree in business administration; soon after his graduation  
8 he began his tenure in the railroad industry in Blue Island,  
9 Illinois, as a fireman with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific  
10 Railroad; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Visney's talent and work ethic were recognized  
12 early on by his employer and, with his duties steadily progressing  
13 beyond train service, he was ultimately named to the position of  
14 superintendent of the Missouri-Kansas division, the largest  
15 operating unit in the Rock Island system; in this post he was  
16 responsible for more than 2,000 miles of track and some 2,000  
17 employees; and

18           WHEREAS, Railroad safety has always been the foremost concern  
19 of this dedicated and honorable gentleman, and his commitment was  
20 evidenced by a reduction in the number of accidents on the Chicago,  
21 Rock Island and Pacific Railroad during his tenure; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Visney's abiding interest in railroad safety led  
23 him to employment with the Federal Railroad Administration where he  
24 held many positions of responsibility, serving as operating

1 practices inspector, district chief, and deputy regional director;  
2 in 1995 he was named regional manager for highway-rail crossing  
3 safety and trespass prevention programs in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, With his tireless dedication to safer railroads, Mr.  
5 Visney has earned the lasting respect of the state's transportation  
6 and safety professionals; he has saved lives and prevented injuries  
7 to countless Texas motorists and pedestrians through his efforts to  
8 promote railroad crossing safety education, increase the  
9 installation of railroad crossing signals, improve enforcement of  
10 motor vehicle laws at railroad crossings, and eliminate unnecessary  
11 highway-railroad grade crossings; and

12 WHEREAS, Dave Visney is a Texan in stature and in heart,  
13 having fully embraced the spirit and illustrious history of the  
14 Lone Star State; after living in many different parts of our nation,  
15 Mr. Visney and his beloved wife Joanne have found a home in  
16 Southlake, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to this adopted son  
17 and to extend to him best wishes for all the best life has to offer  
18 in the years that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby honor David E. Visney for his contributions to  
21 railroad safety and congratulate him on the occasion of his  
22 retirement from the Federal Railroad Administration; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Visney as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.