By: Rose H.R. No. 238

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2003, John S. Etchieson of Austin will retire from his position as president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) in Central Texas, having served the BBB system with integrity and distinction for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, This University of Texas alumnus began his career with the Austin BBB organization in 1970, while still a student, and within two years had earned a management training scholarship and had been named business relations director; over the course of the next decade, Mr. Etchieson held key positions at BBB offices in Houston, San Antonio, and Austin, and in 1980 he was named to his current position as president and CEO of the Central Texas chapter; and

WHEREAS, Under his able stewardship, the Better Business Bureau has provided area residents with information needed to become better-informed consumers and has offered business owners and operators guidance for improving their companies' practices; Mr. Etchieson has achieved noteworthy success with the BBB's alternative dispute resolution programs, its advertising review, and its work to evaluate and report on the solicitation and funds distributions of charities; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary Texan has devoted more than three decades of his professional life toward making the Lone Star State a better place in which to do business, and his legacy of fairness and professionalism will continue to benefit Capital Area businesses

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1 and consumers for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

Texas House of Representatives.

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
Legislature hereby commend John S. Etchieson for his outstanding
tenure as president and CEO of the Central Texas Better Business
Bureau and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued
happiness and success in his future endeavors; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
prepared for Mr. Etchieson as an expression of high regard by the