

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, County Commissioner Romeo L. Lomas has served
2 Kleberg County for more than 25 years and has the distinction of
3 serving longer than any other commissioner in the county's history;
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5 WHEREAS, Coming from a pioneer family that arrived in
6 Kingsville in 1904, Commissioner Lomas is a U.S. Army veteran of the
7 Korean War, and over the years he has worked tirelessly to answer
8 the needs of veterans living in Kleberg County; and

9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lomas has also been a strong advocate
10 for the elderly; in 1980, he helped to create services that provide
11 monthly assistance to more than 1,000 elderly, and he led the
12 transformation of an abandoned elementary school into a new senior
13 citizen center and substance abuse counseling facility; and

14 WHEREAS, An ardent environmentalist, Commissioner Lomas has
15 fought to protect the Goliad Aquifer from polluters, protecting the
16 sole underground water supply for the residents of Kleberg County;
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18 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lomas has also supported countless
19 education and community initiatives, including the development of
20 an entrepreneurial program through Coastal Bend College, the
21 creation of a park and recreation area at Baffin Bay, and the
22 construction of bridges for schoolchildren's safe passage to and
23 from school; he also played an integral role in the establishment of
24 a rural transportation system and in bringing dialysis treatment to

1 Kingsville; and

2 WHEREAS, A member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2623,
3 Commissioner Lomas is devoting his life to public service, and his
4 exemplary citizenship makes him an excellent role model for all
5 Texans; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Romeo L. Lomas for his outstanding
8 tenure as Kleberg County Commissioner and extend to him best wishes
9 for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Commissioner Lomas as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1590

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1590 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House