

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 608**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mayor Kenneth L. Barr for his many years of distinguished public service to the people of the City of Fort Worth; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barr was first elected mayor of Fort Worth in a special election in May of 1996 after serving as a city councilman for three years; he was elected to his first full term in 1997, capturing 81 percent of the vote against three opponents; he was unopposed in 1999 and was overwhelmingly reelected in May of 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure, Fort Worth has seen tremendous economic progress, and Kenneth Barr has taken the lead in transforming the city from dependence on defense-related industries to new high technology industries; he has played a pivotal role in the development of public transportation in the Fort Worth area, and he is credited with expanding city services while reducing the city's property tax rate; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Barr was educated in the Fort Worth public schools and graduated from Texas Christian University; since he was a young man, he has been involved in a wide array of civic, community, and governmental activities and has earned the reputation as an inclusive and caring leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barr is the immediate past president of the Texas Municipal League and a member of the board of directors for the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and for the National League of Cities; he is a member of the advisory board of the United States Conference of Mayors; and

**WHEREAS**, His future plans include spending more time with his family's printing business, The Barr Company, which was started 55 years ago by his father, who also served as mayor of Fort Worth; over the years, Kenneth Barr's greatest supporters have been his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Katherine; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary public servant, Mayor Barr has contributed greatly to the growth of the City of Fort Worth and to the quality of life it offers, and his accomplishments reflect his outstanding leadership and his dedication to the betterment of his community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Mayor Kenneth L. Barr for his outstanding service to the people of Fort Worth and extend best wishes to him for his future endeavors; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 14, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate