

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert Nichols is retiring in 2005 after eight years  
2 of exemplary service as a member of the Texas Transportation  
3 Commission; and

4           WHEREAS, First appointed to the commission by Governor George  
5 W. Bush in 1997, Mr. Nichols was reappointed by Governor Rick Perry  
6 in 2003, and his tenure has been characterized by the same  
7 diligence and integrity he brings to all his endeavors; and

8           WHEREAS, The recipient of a degree in industrial engineering  
9 from Lamar University, Mr. Nichols was the founder and chief  
10 executive officer of four different plastics-related companies in  
11 Jacksonville between 1975 and 1996; and

12           WHEREAS, His participation in public life has extended beyond  
13 his work on the Texas Transportation Commission to encompass his  
14 service as mayor and city council member in Jacksonville and as  
15 chair of the Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation;  
16 moreover, he has shared his leadership on the boards of the  
17 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the East Texas Medical Center,  
18 the Nan Travis Hospital Foundation, Lon Morris College, and Austin  
19 Bank; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols has been honored with a number of  
21 well-deserved accolades during his life, having been named Citizen  
22 of the Year and Businessman of the Year by the Jacksonville Chamber  
23 of Commerce and honored with the Small-Business Person of the Year  
24 award from the Dallas region of the U.S. Small Business

1 Administration and the Governor's Industrial Expansion Citation  
2 from Governor William P. Clements; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, he has enjoyed the love and  
4 support of his close-knit family, which includes his wife, Donna,  
5 and their three children, Brittney, Joshua, and Collynn; and

6 WHEREAS, Those who give of themselves to benefit the greater  
7 good are truly deserving of our admiration and appreciation, and  
8 through his service on the Texas Transportation Commission, Robert  
9 Nichols has distinguished himself as one such individual; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Robert Nichols for  
13 his outstanding tenure on the Texas Transportation Commission and  
14 commend him for the many significant contributions he has made to  
15 the betterment of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. Nichols as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 257

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 257 was adopted by the House on July 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House