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H.R. No. 491

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ronald E. Cox stepped down as city manager of
2 Friendswood on April 30, 2006, after devoting many years of stellar
3 service to the people of that community; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1990, when Mr. Cox took the reins as
5 Friendswood city manager, the population of that city has increased
6 by approximately 50 percent; to meet the demands posed by that
7 dramatic growth, he has brought to bear an array of remarkable
8 talents, coupled with broad experience, seasoned judgment, and an
9 unsurpassed dedication to public service; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the projects and programs he has overseen have
11 been the development and implementation of the city's Vision 2020
12 strategic plan, the inception and advancement of the city's
13 economic development program, the planning for the new public
14 safety building, the planning and construction of the new city hall
15 and public library, and the renovation of the old library for use as
16 a senior citizens center; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition, he has played an instrumental role in
18 improving and expanding the city's recreational facilities, and he
19 has helped to secure additional surface water capacity and the
20 construction of a second surface water distribution system; and

21 WHEREAS, A 1972 graduate of Abilene Christian University,
22 Mr. Cox earned a master's degree from The University of Texas at
23 Tyler in 1981; he began his career as a staff member with the Brazos
24 Valley Development Council and subsequently worked for the East

1 Texas Council of Governments; before coming to Friendswood, he
2 served as city manager of Rusk, Center, and Kilgore; and

3 WHEREAS, At the behest of Governor Bill Clements, this
4 esteemed Texan served on the board of trustees of the Texas
5 Municipal Retirement System from 1990 to 1993; he also served on the
6 board of trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental
7 Risk Pool from 1986 to 1991; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has been an active member of many
9 professional organizations, including the International City
10 Management Association and Texas City Management Association; his
11 involvement in the TCMA includes service as president of the
12 statewide organization, as president of two of its regions, and as a
13 member of its board of directors; and

14 WHEREAS, Held in the highest esteem by his peers, Mr. Cox was
15 recognized in 2005 with the prestigious TCMA Lifetime Achievement
16 Award; and

17 WHEREAS, With 28 years' experience in managing city services,
18 Mr. Cox is now embarking on a career as a municipal consultant,
19 specializing in the areas of leadership and development; while
20 affording him an opportunity to share his expertise and insights
21 with others, his new work may also allow him to spend more time with
22 his family, which includes his wife of 33 years, Susan Cox, their
23 children, Emily and Tim, and their granddaughter, Courtney; and

24 WHEREAS, Ron Cox has long served his fellow Texans with the
25 utmost integrity, ability, and devotion, and it is the great
26 fortune of citizens of this state that he will continue to guide and
27 mentor others; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Ronald E. Cox on the
3 occasion of his retirement as city manager of Friendswood and
4 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in the years
5 ahead; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Cox as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.