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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of the Honorable Ken Armbrister from
2 the Texas Senate brings to a close a productive and memorable tenure
3 as a member of the Texas Legislature, and it is fitting to recognize
4 this esteemed legislator for his myriad contributions to the State
5 of Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, A former police captain with the Victoria Police
7 Department and a graduate of Sam Houston State University and the
8 FBI National Academy, Senator Armbrister was serving as vice
9 president of the Victoria School Board when he was elected to the
10 Texas House of Representatives in 1983; his two terms in the house
11 were followed by election to the Texas Senate, where he has ably
12 served for the better part of two decades; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Armbrister is the immediate past chairman of
14 the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Select
15 Committee on Water Policy, and he has authored, sponsored, and
16 cosponsored several noteworthy bills aimed at protecting
17 endangered species and creating groundwater conservation
18 districts; in addition, he has endeavored to increase retirement
19 benefits for Texas teachers, provide greater public access to
20 governmental information and decisions, and increase homestead
21 exemptions for homeowners; and

22 WHEREAS, During his illustrious legislative career, this
23 noted public servant has chaired the Senate Committees on Criminal
24 Justice, Intergovernmental Relations, and State Affairs, as well as

1 the Oversight Committee on Workers' Compensation; he has also been
2 a member of the Senate Committees on Finance, Business and
3 Commerce, Health and Human Services, and Economic Development; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Armbrister, who has served as acting
5 governor and president pro tempore of the senate, has been honored
6 by law enforcement, teacher and education, healthcare, and other
7 organizations for his dedication to the people of Texas; he has
8 twice been named a Top Ten Crime Fighter by the Greater Dallas Crime
9 Commission and has been honored by the Texas Chambers of Commerce
10 and Business for his legislative leadership and exemplary record of
11 public service; and

12 WHEREAS, Having served under five governors and five
13 lieutenant governors, Ken Armbrister has gained a wealth of
14 invaluable knowledge and experience during his terms with the Texas
15 Legislature, and his impressive tenure has earned him the respect
16 and admiration of his colleagues in both the house and the senate,
17 and of the people of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the Honorable Ken
20 Armbrister on his retirement from the Texas Senate and extend best
21 wishes to him for continued success and good fortune in all his
22 endeavors; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Senator Armbrister as an expression of high regard by
25 his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.