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H.C.R. No. 39

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Leonard J. Reese, who is retiring from the Texas
2 Legislative Council on January 31, 2005, after more than 26 years
3 with that organization, has rendered exceptional service to the
4 people of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Reese has devoted the whole of his professional
6 career to the council, having joined the TLC legal division in
7 October 1978, shortly after completing law school; within 11 years
8 he had become deputy director of the division, and in 2000 he was
9 appointed division director and general counsel; named assistant
10 executive director of the TLC in November 2003, he has guided the
11 agency with great ability and dedication; and

12 WHEREAS, His professional affiliations include the National
13 Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, with which he
14 has been associated since 1979; he has served as a commissioner of
15 that organization since 2001, and he also holds a seat on the Texas
16 Commission on Uniform State Laws; and

17 WHEREAS, Born in 1947, Mr. Reese graduated from South Oak
18 Cliff High School in Dallas in 1966; he earned a bachelor's degree
19 with honors in mathematics from The University of Texas at
20 Arlington in 1970 and a master's degree in education, guidance, and
21 counseling from Eastern Illinois University in 1974; after
22 attending law school for a year at the University of Illinois, he
23 transferred to The University of Texas School of Law and graduated
24 with honors in 1978; and

1 WHEREAS, With his undergraduate education behind him, Mr.
2 Reese served in the United States Air Force from 1971 to 1974;
3 during his term in the military he provided weather training as part
4 of his duties, and the skill and thoroughness with which he carried
5 out that assignment earned him designation as Instructor of the
6 Year in 1973; and

7 WHEREAS, Leonard Reese and his wife, Rebecca Yohe, met at the
8 council in 1984 and married in 1992; they are the proud parents of a
9 son, William Jefferson Reese; in addition to the time and concern
10 that he devotes to his family and to the council, Mr. Reese also
11 lends his active support to the First United Methodist Church of
12 Austin, where he helps teach fourth-grade and fifth-grade students;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of his more than 2-1/2 decades with
15 the TLC, Leonard Reese has worked hard to support the efforts of the
16 legislature, bringing to the tasks before him a keen legal mind and
17 commitment to excellence; those same qualities, together with an
18 irrepressibly droll sense of humor, have also long inspired the
19 best efforts of his colleagues and staff, and as he steps down from
20 his present office, it is appropriate to honor him for his
21 outstanding tenure; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby honor Leonard J. Reese as he retires from the office of
24 assistant executive director and general counsel of the Texas
25 Legislative Council and extend to him deep appreciation for his
26 many years of exemplary public service; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Reese as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives and Senate.