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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, After working more than 38 years in the field of 2 human services, Donald M. Loving is retiring as executive director 3 of Communities in Schools-Central Texas, Inc., in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loving, who holds a master's degree in social work from Tulane University, began his career as a child protective services worker in rural Texas; he went on to become a significant figure in his profession whose impressive resume includes such leadership positions as executive director of Youth Alternatives in New Orleans, where he founded one of the first crisis centers for runaways, director of the Arkansas Youth Training Institute, and executive director of The Children's Center in Galveston; and

WHEREAS, Currently in his 14th year as executive director of Communities in Schools, Mr. Loving has led this outstanding organization through a period of phenomenal growth to become a 200-member agency serving 44 prekindergarten through 12th grade schools in seven Central Texas school districts; in addition, Communities in Schools operates a number of large projects that assist campus-based staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loving's numerous professional achievements include establishing the National Network for Youth, which he served as chair of its board of directors for two years; he has also served as president of the United Way Executives' Council, chair of the Austin Area Human Services Association, and president of Communities in Schools of Texas, Inc.; moreover, Mr. Loving has

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- 1 shared his knowledge and expertise with others as an adjunct
- 2 faculty member of the School of Social Work at The University of
- 3 Texas in Austin; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Loving's integrity and dedication have earned
- 5 for him the lasting respect of all who have been privileged to know
- of his work and accomplishments, and it is a pleasure to honor him
- 7 for an exemplary career as he embarks on the next chapter in his
- 8 life; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby congratulate Donald M. Loving on the occasion of
- 11 his retirement from Communities in Schools-Central Texas, Inc., in
- 12 Austin and commend him for his life's work, which has positively
- influenced countless young people in the Lone Star State; and, be it
- 14 further
- 15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 16 prepared for Mr. Loving as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 17 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 265 was adopted by the House on February 24, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House