

By: Smith of Harris

H.R. No. 1004

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jim Nichols, P.E., has greatly benefited his
2 profession through his many years of service as chairman and board
3 member for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University, Mr. Nichols
5 earned his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in
6 civil engineering; he served 11 years as president of Freese &
7 Nichols, Inc., of Fort Worth before assuming the chairmanship of
8 the company in 1988, a position he still maintains; and

9 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Nichols has been principal in
10 charge of \$54 million worth of Freese & Nichols original work on the
11 DFW International Airport and the \$400 million Richland-Chambers
12 Project; moreover, he has played an active role in the Colorado
13 Municipal Water District and the West Central Texas Water District;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols has received numerous accolades for his
16 work, including "Engineer of the Year" in Texas and several
17 technical awards; also an active community service volunteer, he
18 has been recognized with many humanitarian and civic commendations;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, First appointed to the Texas Board of Professional
21 Engineers by then-Governor George W. Bush, Mr. Nichols served as
22 chair in 2001 and 2002 and was reappointed to the board by Governor
23 Rick Perry in 2003; over the years, he has used his professional
24 experience and exceptional leadership ability to guide the board

1 through many challenges, including the Texas A&M bonfire
2 investigation, sunset review, and implementation of the
3 Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act; and

4 WHEREAS, This distinguished professional engineer has
5 consistently demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the protection
6 of public health, safety, and welfare by regulating the profession
7 of engineering in Texas, and his exemplary tenure with the Texas
8 Board of Professional Engineers indeed deserves legislative
9 commendation; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Jim Nichols, P.E., for his outstanding
12 service as chairman and board member for the Texas Board of
13 Professional Engineers and extend to him warmest best wishes for
14 success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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