

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable James A. Barnett, Jr., is retiring as  
2 mayor of Freeport in 2005, bringing to a close 12 years of dedicated  
3 service to his fellow citizens; and

4           WHEREAS, Mayor Barnett has guided the city through many  
5 challenging times and has played an important role in the  
6 revitalization currently underway; he has worked not only for  
7 improvements in existing city services, infrastructure, and  
8 business procedures, but also to bring new businesses to the area;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has clearly had a vision for the  
11 city of Freeport, as evidenced by his involvement in local  
12 beautification efforts as well as in the town's selection as a Main  
13 Street City; he has also actively worked towards an urban renewal  
14 project to develop 400 acres of homesites; and

15           WHEREAS, Mayor Barnett has further demonstrated his  
16 commitment to the community by serving on the Houston-Galveston  
17 Area Council and the Freeport League; moreover, he and his wife,  
18 Sandra, have been active supporters of Riverfest and the Safety  
19 Town program in area schools; and

20           WHEREAS, A longtime resident of this coastal town, James  
21 Barnett has earned a reputation for honesty and openness; a former  
22 newspaper editor, he has brought that same journalistic integrity  
23 and sense of fairness to his role as mayor, and he leaves behind a  
24 legacy of accomplishment that will surely benefit countless area

1 residents for years to come; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Honorable James A. Barnett,  
4 Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as mayor of Freeport and  
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1648

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1648 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House