

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles Ruppert is stepping down from  
2 his post as mayor of Cibolo in May 2005, and it is indeed fitting at  
3 this time to recognize his many outstanding achievements while in  
4 office; and

5           WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West  
6 Point and a recipient of numerous military awards and commendations  
7 for his service in the army, Charles Ruppert moved to Cibolo in  
8 1996; the following year, he was appointed to the city's planning  
9 and zoning commission, which he eventually served as chair, and in  
10 2001, he was elected mayor; and

11           WHEREAS, During his two terms in office, the city has grown  
12 from a population of less than 4,000 to nearly 8,000, residential  
13 subdivisions have increased in number from 3 to 23, and the number  
14 of downtown businesses has more than doubled; through Mayor  
15 Ruppert's effective use of zero-based budgeting, Cibolo's annual  
16 budget tripled and the city workforce expanded to address the  
17 town's rapid growth, but the municipal property tax rate was  
18 reduced; and

19           WHEREAS, Mayor Ruppert has also been part of the town's  
20 change from a general-law form of government to a home-rule  
21 charter, which gives the city council and residents more power and  
22 flexibility in passing ordinances and rules for specific  
23 situations; and

24           WHEREAS, In addition to substantial improvements in the

1 city's infrastructure, including enhanced water supply and  
2 drainage systems as well as extensive street resurfacing, a second  
3 city park was established during Mayor Ruppert's tenure, and plans  
4 for a number of additional area parks are under way; and

5 WHEREAS, A vital participant in the positive development of  
6 this thriving Guadalupe County municipality, Charles Ruppert has  
7 earned the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens for his  
8 highly accomplished tenure in office, and he has proven himself to  
9 be a dedicated civic leader and a dear friend of the residents of  
10 Cibolo; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Charles Ruppert for his  
13 service to the citizens of Cibolo and extend to him sincere best  
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2173

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2173 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House