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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.