

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Prominent land development consultant and civic
2 leader James Box has given selflessly of his time and energy to the
3 city of Houston over many years; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on February 1, 1931, James "Jim" Box
5 is the great-great-grandson of John Neely Bryan, an early developer
6 of Van Buren, Arkansas, and the founder of Dallas; known for his
7 generosity, Bryan provided free town lots to encourage settlement
8 and donated the land for the Dallas County Courthouse; Jim Box has
9 carried on this family tradition with his generous gifts of
10 knowledge, time, and money to his community; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Box's career began when he worked as a division
12 chief coordinating development for the City of Houston's Department
13 of Planning and Development; in 1976 he became senior vice
14 president at the Mischer Corporation, and since 1993 he has been an
15 independent consultant, drawing on his broad experience and
16 extensive contacts in the development field; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Box has long been a leader in his profession;
18 affiliated with the Houston Real Estate Council and the Houston
19 Contractors Association, he also chaired the Community Developers
20 Council for 18 years; he served almost 30 years on the board of
21 directors for the Greater Houston Builders Association; as the
22 GHBA's president in 2003, he was instrumental in that
23 organization's donation of \$50,000 each to the Texas Children's
24 Cancer Center and the Alzheimer's Association from the sale of two

1 benefit houses; and

2 WHEREAS, He has also been active in flood and subsidence
3 issues in Houston, as chairman of the board of the Harris/Galveston
4 Coastal Subsidence District and as a member and past chairman of the
5 Harris County Flood Control Task Force; he has served on the Water
6 Supply and Flood Control Committee and the Environmental Committee
7 of the Greater Houston Partnership, and he was appointed by the
8 governor in 2002 to the Texas Water Advisory Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, An active member of Holy Cross Church, he served in
10 the high school ministry for 17 years before moving to Epiphany
11 Lutheran Church, where he participated in numerous ways, including
12 the camping program; he has contributed much time and expertise to
13 Houston Community College, which has established a scholarship in
14 his name to honor his years of service in behalf of the college and
15 the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Among the many awards he has received over the years
17 have been the Harris B. Lieberman Distinguished Service Award and
18 six Presidential Citations, additionally, he has been named
19 Developer of the Year by the Greater Houston Builders Association
20 three times; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout this long and illustrious career Mr. Box
22 has enjoyed the love and support of his devoted wife Ellen, a
23 librarian for the Spring Branch ISD for over 20 years and the owner
24 of her own landscape service for many years; he also enjoys the
25 devotion of his son, Doug Box; his daughters, Kandice Gremillion
26 and Allyson Koether; his grandchildren, David, Derrick, Daniel,
27 Hannah, and Phillip; and his great-grandson, Kayo; and

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1 WHEREAS, The tireless devotion and the lifetime of expertise
2 James Box has put at the disposal of his native city truly mark him
3 as an exemplary Houstonian; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend James Box for his outstanding service to
6 his community and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr.
9 Box as a token of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
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Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 567 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House