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H.R. No. 567

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

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.