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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Department of Transportation Area Engineer
2 Thomas R. Mangrem of Alpine has completed one chapter of his life
3 and begun another with his retirement on February 28, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Born December 8, 1952, on the island of Guam, where
5 his father was stationed during the Korean War, Tom Mangrem was
6 raised in Waco, Laredo, and San Antonio; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Mangrem learned his love of the outdoors and his
8 appreciation of hard physical labor on his grandfather's farm; he
9 worked from the age of 14 as a carpenter, then served his country in
10 the U.S. Army for three years; and

11 WHEREAS, After graduating with a degree in engineering from
12 Texas A&M University in December 1978, he immediately accepted a
13 position with TxDOT as an engineering assistant in Alpine; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1984, Mr. Mangrem became the Area Engineer in the
15 Alpine Maintenance Office, and he was responsible for 1,000
16 centerline miles of road in the 12,314 square miles of Brewster,
17 Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties; for 22 years, he confronted the
18 unique problems of road maintenance in one of the largest, most
19 sparsely populated, and most remote regions of the Lone Star State;
20 from personally clearing a roadway of dangerous rocks to
21 supervising the clearing of mud and debris from low-water crossings
22 with snowplows, he masterfully executed his complex and difficult
23 duties with a deep knowledge of the district, affection for its
24 residents, and calm good humor; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Mangrem has also been a valued mentor to a
2 generation of younger TxDOT engineers, teaching them the wide range
3 of skills, both technical and personal, required by the job of area
4 engineer; and

5 WHEREAS, An outstanding public employee, Tom Mangrem has made
6 a lasting contribution to this state, and he truly merits special
7 recognition; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Thomas R. Mangrem on the occasion
10 of his retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation and
11 offer to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Mangrem as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.