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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John W. Johnson of Houston, who is retiring as a
2 commissioner of the Texas Transportation Commission in 2007, has
3 rendered exceptional service to the citizens of this state; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed to the commission by then Governor George
5 W. Bush, Mr. Johnson took office in February 1999, and during his
6 notable eight-year tenure, he led the body as chair from 2000 to
7 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has further served on the Governor's
9 Business Council, on the Task Force on Charter Schools, and as a
10 member of the Coastal Coordination Council; moreover, he has been
11 appointed to the three-member Coastal Land Advisory Board by
12 Governor Rick Perry and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign
13 Scholarship Board by President George W. Bush; and

14 WHEREAS, A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Mr. Johnson
15 chairs both Permian Mud Service, Inc., and the executive committee
16 of its subsidiary, Champion Technologies; he was the founding
17 chairman of Amegy Bank of Texas and continues to lead the bank as
18 chair of its executive committee; and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has also shared his time with a
20 number of worthwhile community groups; a former trustee of St.
21 Luke's Methodist Church Foundation, he has chaired the board of the
22 Houston Museum of Natural Science and St. John's School, is a past
23 director of Goodwill Industries, and has been actively involved
24 with the American Leadership Forum and the Young Presidents'

1 Organization; and

2 WHEREAS, His contributions have earned Commissioner Johnson
3 the Benjamin Banneker Community Builder Award from the Barbara
4 Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern
5 University, the Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Award for
6 Leadership in Transportation, and the Flowers Underwood
7 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Vanderbilt University; and

8 WHEREAS, John Johnson has served the State of Texas with
9 dedication and integrity, and his unwavering commitment to the
10 duties of his office has reflected government service at its
11 finest; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend John W. Johnson on the occasion of his
14 retirement from the Texas Transportation Commission and extend to
15 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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