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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Phil Hatlen is retiring from his position as
2 superintendent of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually
3 Impaired in 2007, after 17 years of outstanding service; and

4 WHEREAS, A respected leader in his field, Dr. Hatlen has
5 worked with the blind and visually impaired for more than half a
6 century; his experience and ingenuity helped him to develop a
7 National Agenda, infusing vital social and daily living skills into
8 curriculum so that students may function ably in school and in life;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, This innovative model has since been adopted by
11 facilities across the country and played an integral role in
12 establishing TSBVI as one of the finest institutions of its kind in
13 the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Believing that all blind children have the
15 capability for inclusion into society and that all visually
16 impaired individuals must have the opportunity to be equal and the
17 right to be different, Dr. Hatlen has dedicated his professional
18 life to ensuring that blind and visually impaired persons are
19 equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed, and his work has
20 been a positive force in countless lives; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Phil Hatlen on the occasion of
23 his retirement from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually
24 Impaired and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Dr. Hatlen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.