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H.R. No. 2123

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Williamson County adult probation director Rick  
2 Zinsmeyer is retiring in 2007 after serving his community with  
3 distinction for nearly 30 years; and

4 WHEREAS, When Mr. Zinsmeyer started in adult probation in  
5 1977, the small department supervised 700 criminal offenders who  
6 would slip their reports under the door, annual fees collected  
7 totaled no more than \$12,000, and all of the department's paperwork  
8 could fit into two drawers of a filing cabinet; and

9 WHEREAS, Then only in his early 20s, Mr. Zinsmeyer took over  
10 the department in 1978, determined to leave it in better shape than  
11 he had found it; under his skilled and steady leadership, the  
12 Williamson County adult probation program has expanded to match the  
13 rapid growth of Williamson County, and it has become one of the  
14 finest probation departments in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Now employing 105 people, the department supervises  
16 5,000 probationers and collects almost \$5 million a year in fees;  
17 moreover, Mr. Zinsmeyer has instituted a number of programs to help  
18 ensure the safety of the community as well as the successful reentry  
19 of probationers into society; and

20 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, drive, and vision, Rick  
21 Zinsmeyer has served Williamson County well for nearly 30 years,  
22 earning the lasting respect of other law enforcement professionals  
23 and the gratitude of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Rick Zinsmeyer on his retirement as  
2 the Williamson County director of adult probation and extend to him  
3 best wishes for continued happiness as he embarks on his  
4 well-deserved retirement; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. Zinsmeyer as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.