

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hal Talton has ably served with distinction as chief
2 of staff and general counsel in the office of State Representative
3 Dan Gattis since January 2003, and he truly deserves commendation
4 for the tireless, self-sacrificial, and skilled public service that
5 he has provided to the office of Representative Gattis, the
6 constituents comprising House District 20, and to the entire Great
7 State of Texas during the 78th, 79th, and 80th legislative sessions
8 and all the called sessions and legislative interims during this
9 time period; and

10 WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Arkansas School of
11 Law at Fayetteville with a doctor of jurisprudence degree, and a
12 graduate of The Texas A&M University System with a master's degree
13 in business administration and a bachelor's degree in business
14 administration, Mr. Talton has consistently exhibited superior
15 skill and knowledge in helping pass Representative Gattis'
16 extensive and positive legislative agenda, including legislation
17 favorably impacting various important public policy issues such as
18 water, the justice system, transportation, health care, and
19 taxpayer rights; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognized for his ability to remain calm and
21 composed in all situations, Mr. Talton has always exhibited the
22 highest ideals of a Christian gentleman, and he has the respect of
23 his office colleagues and from his peers and from members of the
24 legislature throughout the Capitol; and

1 WHEREAS, Raised in a military family, Mr. Talton is always
2 focused on completing the mission at hand to the best of his ability
3 and inspiring others to do likewise; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognized for his approachable demeanor, Mr.
5 Talton has mentored many newcomers to the legislative process, and
6 his efforts are especially recognized during this 80th session when
7 he guided and shaped a brand new staff into a highly effective team
8 known for its skill throughout the Capitol and beyond; and

9 WHEREAS, Hal Talton has demonstrated outstanding
10 professionalism and talents, and his skill and professional
11 dedication are sincerely appreciated; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Hal Talton for his extraordinary public
14 service as chief of staff and general counsel in the office of State
15 Representative Dan Gattis and commend and thank him for his hard
16 work in behalf of the citizens of Texas; and, be it further

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

Gattis

H.R. No. 2988

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2988 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House