By: Morrison H.R. No. 865

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, After nearly two decades of distinguished service,
Jim Wyatt is retiring from the Victoria City Council in May 2009;
and
WHEREAS, Victoria's first African American council member
and mayor pro tempore, Jim Wyatt won the District 5 seat in 1988 and
held it until 1995; since his return to the city council in 2000, he
has served continuously through his current term, and he has chosen

8 not to seek reelection; having been employed as a materials manager 9 for DuPont, Mr. Wyatt brought a unique perspective and a range of 10 business expertise to municipal government, and he played an 11 instrumental role in such projects as the sports complex, the skate

12 park, and Lone Tree Road; he was also particularly interested in 13 providing programs and activities for at-risk youth, and he

encouraged them to seek peaceful means of resolving conflicts; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his participation on the city

16 council, Mr. Wyatt has served on the board of directors of the Texas

17 Municipal League and as president of the Texas Association of

18 Mayors and Council Members; he has also been active in numerous

19 community organizations, including the African American Chamber of

20 Commerce of Victoria, the Task Force Toward Community Peace, and

21 the Victoria World Hunger Project; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Jim Wyatt is an

23 inspiration to his fellow citizens, and he may indeed reflect with

24 great pride on his many notable achievements; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby honor Jim Wyatt for his outstanding
- 3 contributions to the Victoria City Council and extend to him
- 4 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
- 5 further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Mr. Wyatt as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 8 House of Representatives.