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H.R. No. 1205

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sam D. R. Satterwhite is concluding his service on
2 the board of trustees for the Wylie Independent School District in
3 2009, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor him
4 for his many contributions, not only to the community's schools but
5 also to numerous other civic endeavors; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Satterwhite has served as the executive
7 director of the Wylie Economic Development Corporation since 1996,
8 and he has been instrumental in the establishment of many new area
9 businesses, which in turn have created over 2,500 jobs and
10 generated a total investment of nearly \$219 million; and

11 WHEREAS, One example of his farsighted efforts is the
12 building of the Woodbridge Crossing shopping center, which came
13 about through his collaboration with former Dallas Cowboys star
14 Troy Aikman and the Direct Development firm; moreover,
15 Mr. Satterwhite successfully negotiated with the Kansas City
16 Southern Railway Company to remove the main-line track along
17 Highway 78, an achievement that made a significant and positive
18 difference in the city; his service to his fellow citizens has been
19 further expressed through his productive tenure on the school
20 board, which began in 2006, and through his work as the president of
21 the Wylie Chamber of Commerce in 2000 and 2001; and

22 WHEREAS, A compassionate community leader, he worked long
23 hours to assist the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who arrived in
24 Wylie in 2005, helping them to find a new home in Texas and to secure

1 employment in the area; he also fostered one of the evacuees so that
2 the young man could finish his senior year of high school in Wylie;
3 moreover, Mr. Satterwhite plays a central role in organizing the
4 Wylie Christian Care Golf Tournament each year, which provides
5 essential support for the local charity food pantry; and

6 WHEREAS, Samuel Douglas Ross Satterwhite was born in Ennis
7 and grew up in Rockwall, and he received his first lessons in public
8 service from his father, former Texas state representative William
9 T. Satterwhite; the youngest of four children, Sam Satterwhite
10 graduated from Rockwall High School in 1986 as the vice president of
11 his class and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political
12 science at Baylor University; he and his wife, Kate, have two
13 daughters, Allie and Sarah, and a son, Brian, and Mr. Satterwhite
14 serves as the coach for the children's soccer teams; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his commendable dedication to a wide range
16 of activities, Sam Satterwhite has helped make Wylie an even better
17 place to live and work, and the city's residents are indeed
18 fortunate to have the continuing benefit of his talents; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Sam D. R. Satterwhite for his many
22 contributions to the city of Wylie and extend to him sincere best
23 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Satterwhite as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.