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H.R. No. 1312

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Don R. Carter, Sr., of Dallas retired from the Texas  
2 Department of Criminal Justice on March 31, 2009, drawing to a close  
3 a notable tenure with the State of Texas that spanned more than 30  
4 years; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, Mr. Carter graduated from  
6 Adamson High School and went on to earn two bachelor's degrees from  
7 East Texas State University, where he became a lifetime member of  
8 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Carter began his career in criminal justice at  
10 the age of 23; through the years, he distinguished himself in a  
11 series of positions, including those of district parole officer,  
12 unit supervisor, and parole supervisor; and

13           WHEREAS, In 2002, Mr. Carter was named assistant regional  
14 director, and in this important post and throughout his time in  
15 state government, he has been regarded with great respect by his  
16 colleagues, and he has been a valuable asset to all of the  
17 departments in which he has served; and

18           WHEREAS, This notable Texan demonstrated an admirable work  
19 ethic early on; as a young man, he made trips to the store for  
20 elderly residents in his neighborhood, gathered bottles, sold  
21 newspapers, and shined shoes; while in college, he sold Greek  
22 merchandise to make extra money, and for 20 years, he worked  
23 part-time as a retail sales clerk; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Carter has been supported in all of his

1 endeavors by a large and loving family, including his wife,  
2 Cocrecia, his sons, Christopher, Don, and Dondre, his daughter,  
3 Sabrina, and his three grandchildren; in his free time, he enjoys  
4 sports and cooking for his loved ones, who often request "Uncle  
5 Don's" salsa, hot pickles, and pepper sauce; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter's dedication, professionalism, and  
7 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited his fellow Texans,  
8 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he  
9 prepares to embark on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Don R. Carter, Sr., on his  
13 retirement from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and extend  
14 to him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
15 further

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