

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated service in local government
2 and on citizen boards, Bob Whistler has made a meaningful
3 difference in the city of Bedford; and

4 WHEREAS, A resident of the community since 1995, Mr. Whistler
5 first became a member of the Parks and Recreation Board beginning in
6 July 1996 and served as its chair from May 1999 to April of the
7 following year; and

8 WHEREAS, In May 2005, this committed civic leader was elected
9 as Place 6 representative on the Bedford City Council; during his
10 three-year term on the council, he ably carried out his
11 responsibilities in helping enact legislation, adopt city budgets,
12 and determine policies; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Whistler has devoted his time and talents to
14 other initiatives as well; in March 2008, he was elected as the
15 District 3 legislator for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, becoming
16 the first person to represent some 2,400 members of that Native
17 American group who live outside the nation's territorial land
18 reserve in Oklahoma; he is beginning his second term in that office
19 in June 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, These public service achievements follow on Mr.
21 Whistler's long and accomplished career in the airline
22 transportation industry; he spent 9 years with United Airlines and
23 36 years with American Airlines, which included assignments in a
24 number of U.S. cities; his willingness to give back to the

1 communities where he resided was evident in the many volunteer
2 activities he undertook, serving as a PTA president and Junior
3 Achievement advisor in Los Angeles and as a member of the board of
4 directors for both the Kentuckiana Boy Scouts of America in
5 Kentucky and the Urban League of Greater Richmond, Virginia;
6 moreover, after settling in Texas, he was the commodore of the
7 American Airlines Sailing Club in 2006 and 2007 and guided the
8 organization's efforts to maintain sailing craft for the University
9 of Dallas and to train individuals in nautical skills; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and
11 support of his wife, Linda, his daughters, Michelle and Kimberly,
12 and his granddaughter, Lexi; and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Whistler's determined work in the community has
14 helped make Bedford an even better place to live, and his efforts
15 are greatly appreciated by his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Bob Whistler for his community service in
19 the city of Bedford and for his volunteer accomplishments and
20 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
21 happiness; and, be it further

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

Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1413

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1413 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House