

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1413

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.