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H.R. No. 2395

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The tenure of an admired public official is drawing  
2 to a close as the Honorable Phil Hardberger concludes his service as  
3 the mayor of San Antonio in June 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, First elected to the mayor's office on June 7, 2005,  
5 Mayor Hardberger went on to serve a second term after capturing 77  
6 percent of the vote in the 2007 election; during his time on the  
7 job, he has helped to attract new business to the city and has  
8 overseen the ongoing progress of several important initiatives,  
9 including the growth of Brooks City-Base, the Port Authority of San  
10 Antonio, and the Toyota Suppliers Parks area; and

11           WHEREAS, Viewing public spaces as a vital means of drawing  
12 the community together, the mayor has championed efforts such as  
13 the restoration of the historic Main Plaza, the establishment of  
14 Voelcker Park, and the improvement of recreational and natural  
15 habitat areas along the San Antonio River; moreover, he  
16 successfully brought the business community in as a partner in many  
17 of these projects, demonstrating his ability to find innovative  
18 solutions on important issues; and

19           WHEREAS, Mayor Hardberger has made essential contributions  
20 in numerous other areas as well, and his results-oriented approach  
21 to the job comes from the experience he gained in previous  
22 military, government, and legal positions; he piloted B-47 bombers  
23 as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and then served as the executive  
24 secretary of the Peace Corps and as a special assistant in the U.S.

1 Office of Economic Opportunity; a graduate of the Georgetown  
2 University Law Center, he built a respected legal practice in San  
3 Antonio before winning election as associate justice and, later,  
4 chief justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil Hardberger's outstanding performance as mayor  
6 is a continuation of that notable legacy of service, and he is  
7 indeed deserving of special recognition for the inspired leadership  
8 that he has provided to his fellow citizens over the past four  
9 years; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Phil Hardberger on his  
12 myriad achievements as the mayor of the City of San Antonio and  
13 extend to him sincere best wishes for success and happiness in the  
14 years ahead; and, be it further

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