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H.R. No. 2439

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Bill Freeman is retiring as Cooke  
2 County judge on May 29, 2009, having served with distinction for  
3 eight years; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of southern Oklahoma, Judge Freeman holds a  
5 degree in criminal justice; before taking office as county judge,  
6 he served for more than two decades as a justice of the peace for  
7 Precinct 1 and was named Judge of the Year by the State of Texas  
8 Justice of the Peace Association; and

9           WHEREAS, Judge Freeman has overseen numerous important  
10 projects, among them the construction of three new EMS stations and  
11 a 212-bed jail, which houses new offices for the sheriff and justice  
12 of the peace, as well as the purchase and remodeling of the Dixon  
13 Street Courthouse Annex Building; also during his tenure, the  
14 courthouse underwent a multimillion-dollar restoration with grants  
15 from the Texas Historical Commission, and he directed the  
16 institution of such technological advances as a county website,  
17 high-speed Internet accessibility throughout the courthouse, and  
18 credit card fine payment systems for many county offices; through  
19 his sound fiscal management, the county has maintained a positive  
20 cash balance fund; and

21           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to civic life, Judge Freeman serves  
22 in such key roles as vice chair of the Texas Association of Counties  
23 Workers Compensation Trust Board, president of the Texoma Area  
24 Solid Waste Authority, and president of the Texoma Council of

1 Governments; he is a former president of the Justice of the Peace  
2 and Constables Association of Texas, the Gainesville Optimist Club,  
3 and the North Texas Justice of the Peace and Constables  
4 Association, and a former vice president of the Texas Association  
5 of Counties; and

6 WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant shared his knowledge  
7 and expertise as a faculty member for the Texas Justice Court  
8 Training Center, for North Central Texas College, and for a number  
9 of commissions and organizations; moreover, he is a valued member  
10 of Hillcrest Church of Christ; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to his myriad community  
12 responsibilities, Judge Freeman is a businessman with a farming and  
13 ranching operation near Marietta, Oklahoma; his retirement will  
14 allow him more time to spend at the ranch and with his family, which  
15 includes his wife, Rae Freeman, and their 8 children, 18  
16 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Bill Freeman has enhanced the quality of life in  
18 Cooke County through his vision and skillful leadership, and his  
19 many significant achievements will continue to benefit his fellow  
20 citizens for years to come; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Bill Freeman on his  
23 retirement and extend to him best wishes for continued success and  
24 happiness; and, be it further

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