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H.R. No. 2487

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas has greatly benefited from the
2 dedicated leadership of the Honorable Tom Leppert since he was
3 elected mayor in 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, During his tenure in municipal government, Mayor
5 Leppert has ably guided the city with an eye to the future, and his
6 knowledge and expertise in a wide range of community issues have
7 benefited area residents in myriad ways; focused on improving
8 education, he has launched such initiatives as Ready to Read at
9 Dallas, the Mayor's Intern Fellows, Operation Front Door, and the
10 Mayor's Chesapeake Energy Scholarship Fund; he has also instituted
11 a neighborhood patrol, hired more police officers, and secured
12 funding to alleviate homelessness; and

13 WHEREAS, An ardent supporter of environmental protection
14 efforts, Mayor Leppert has created a Green Building Program to
15 increase energy efficiency and resource conservation; he has
16 further contributed to the city by attracting major corporations to
17 the area, expanding the Inland Port, moving forward with the
18 Trinity River Corridor project, and leading trade missions in China
19 and Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, Tom Leppert graduated cum laude from Claremont
21 McKenna College in Southern California, and after earning an MBA
22 with distinction from Harvard Business School, he was appointed by
23 President Ronald Reagan as a White House Fellow to work for the
24 secretary of the treasury; Mr. Leppert went on to become the chair

1 and CEO of Turner Construction Company, an \$8 billion corporation,
2 which he helped grow significantly, and he oversaw the acquisition
3 of more than \$1 billion in minority contracts; in addition, he is
4 active on the board of Washington Mutual, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Leppert has further distinguished himself
6 through his involvement in several community organizations,
7 including the Baylor Health Care System and the Dallas Committee on
8 Foreign Relations; a former chair of the Dallas Regional Chamber,
9 he continues to serve on the group's executive committee, and he is
10 the vice chair of the board of trustees for Claremont McKenna
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Tom Leppert enjoys the love
13 and support of his wife, Laura, and the couple have been blessed
14 with three children, Christian, Catherine, and Ryan; and

15 WHEREAS, Each day, public servants improve the quality of
16 life for their fellow citizens in innumerable ways, and the efforts
17 of Mayor Leppert are helping to make Dallas an even better place in
18 which to live and work; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Mayor Tom Leppert for his committed public
21 service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
22 success; and, be it further

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