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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After nearly three decades covering politics for the  
2 *Houston Chronicle*, Alan Bernstein is taking on a new role as  
3 director of public affairs for the Harris County Sheriff's Office  
4 at the end of May 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bernstein graduated from Northwestern  
6 University in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in journalism; he  
7 joined the *Chronicle* in 1980 and earned a reputation for integrity,  
8 thoroughness, objectivity, and attention to detail; his reporting  
9 was characterized by strict adherence to the facts and a sharp wit  
10 that kept readers engaged; and

11 WHEREAS, In his new position, Mr. Bernstein will be  
12 responsible for maintaining the openness and transparency of the  
13 sheriff's office, which serves more than four million people; his  
14 duties will include supervision of the spokespersons who provide  
15 the media and the public with details about incidents involving the  
16 office, as well as the dissemination of information about internal  
17 and external matters to the office's deputies and civilian  
18 employees; and

19 WHEREAS, Readers of the *Houston Chronicle* will miss Alan  
20 Bernstein's insight, analytical ability, and 29 years of  
21 institutional knowledge, but his skill and expertise will be of  
22 great benefit to the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the public  
23 that it serves; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize Alan Bernstein for his outstanding  
2 career at the *Houston Chronicle* and extend to him best wishes for  
3 success in his new role as director of public affairs for the Harris  
4 County Sheriff's Office; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. Bernstein as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.