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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tom Plumlee, director of the Tarrant County
2 Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), is
3 retiring in 2009 after devoting more than two decades to the adult
4 probation profession in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, A summa cum laude graduate of Sam Houston State
6 University, Mr. Plumlee began his career as assistant city manager
7 in Canyon in 1974; he went on to contribute to the development of
8 the criminal justice system in Amarillo as director of regional
9 planning and program development for the Panhandle Regional Council
10 of Government; during his tenure, which spanned from 1978 to 1981,
11 he oversaw several federal and state programs, including those
12 related to criminal justice, in a 25-county area; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Plumlee later became a probation officer and
14 court officer for the Dallas County Probation Department before
15 advancing to the position of CSCD director for Potter, Randall, and
16 Armstrong Counties; in May 2001, he took over that role for Tarrant
17 County, where he currently serves with dedication and integrity;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Considered one of the most progressive leaders in
20 the field of probation, Mr. Plumlee is an avid proponent of
21 evidence-based practices; moreover, he has always been open to new
22 ideas and approaches to management and corrections and is not
23 afraid to take risks; highly respected by his peers, he serves as a
24 mentor and role model to many probation professionals, and several

1 of his employees have gone on to become probation directors
2 themselves; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Plumlee has served as chair of the Adult
4 Legislative Committee for the Texas Probation Association for two
5 legislative sessions and as chair of the Probation Advisory
6 Committee, and he is a member of the American Probation and Parole
7 Association, the National Association of Probation Executives, and
8 the Texas Probation Association; and

9 WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant was recognized with the
10 Brian J. Kelly Award for Outstanding Administrative Achievement in
11 community corrections in 2003, the Sam Houston State University
12 Probation Executive of the Year Award from the National Association
13 of Probation Executives in 2007, and the Texas Probation
14 Association Charles W. Hawkes Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Demonstrating exceptional skill and commitment
17 throughout his distinguished career, Tom Plumlee has provided
18 leadership, innovation, and a focus-driven planning process for
19 adult probation departments in Texas, and in so doing, he has had a
20 significant impact on the delivery of probation services in the
21 state; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Tom Plumlee on his retirement from
24 the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections
25 Department and extend to him best wishes for continued success and
26 happiness; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Plumlee as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.