

By: Gattis

H.R. No. 3118

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hal Talton has demonstrated an unwavering
2 commitment to his fellow Texans through his exceptional work as
3 chief of staff and general counsel for State Representative Dan
4 Gattis for more than six years; and

5 WHEREAS, During the 78th, 79th, 80th, and 81st Legislatures,
6 as well as all the days in between, Mr. Talton has provided vital
7 leadership and assistance in handling myriad tasks; his
8 professionalism has assured the efficient operation of the office,
9 allowing Representative Gattis to effectively devote his attention
10 to the urgent issues facing the citizens of the Lone Star State; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Talton lived in Germany as a young child while
12 his father served in the military; he attended German schools, and
13 he has maintained his ties to the culture as well as his ability to
14 speak the language; a graduate of New Boston High School, he earned
15 both his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration
16 from East Texas State University, and he holds a law degree from the
17 University of Arkansas School of Law; he was previously employed by
18 the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Medical Board;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, With characteristic diligence and dedication, Mr.
21 Talton has shepherded numerous pieces of legislation that have
22 benefited the constituents of House District 20 and beyond; in the
23 81st Legislative Session alone, he worked tirelessly on bills to
24 protect the identity of Texans and to reform the property tax and

1 appraisal system; along the way, he has earned the respect and
2 admiration of colleagues for his keen attention to detail, his
3 varied expertise, and for the care with which he approaches each new
4 project; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Talton has further distinguished himself as a
6 member of the Texas State Republican Executive Committee, which he
7 serves as chair of the Rules Committee; his enthusiasm for the
8 political process is well known, and through the years, he has
9 shared his knowledge of the Texas Legislature as a mentor to many;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Talton enjoys cheering for
12 the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Round Rock Express, volunteering as
13 president of the Bent Tree Homeowners Association, and spending
14 time with his wife of nearly 25 years, Sandra, with whom he delights
15 in trips to Disney World; moreover, he is a man of great faith who
16 strives to live according to Christian ideals; and

17 WHEREAS, Hal Talton has made invaluable contributions to the
18 office of State Representative Dan Gattis, setting the highest
19 standards of excellence in the performance of his duties, and it is
20 most fitting to commend him for gute Arbeit geleistet; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Hal Talton for his service as chief of
24 staff and general counsel in the office of State Representative Dan
25 Gattis and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
26 and happiness; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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