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H.R. No. 159

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James Matthew Martin, Jr., is retiring as chief
2 juvenile probation officer for Jefferson County in 2011, concluding
3 a distinguished career that has spanned more than four decades with
4 Jefferson County Probation Services; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Lamar University, "Bubba" Martin holds
6 a master's degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston
7 State University; he joined Jefferson County Probation Services in
8 1970 as an intake officer and caseworker; rising through the ranks,
9 he went on to serve in a number of other roles, including volunteer
10 services coordinator, juvenile casework supervisor, adult
11 misdemeanor and presentence investigation supervisor, adult felony
12 supervisor, and assistant chief; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was appointed chief juvenile probation
14 officer in 1988; he played a key role in the planning and
15 construction of the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center, and
16 through the years, he has kept the public informed about probation
17 and rehabilitation matters by appearing on television and radio
18 programs and speaking at schools, churches, service clubs, and
19 other organizations; he has taught in the criminal justice
20 department of Lamar University, and he is a member of the National
21 Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and serves the Texas
22 Probation Association as chair of its juvenile legislative
23 committee; the Texas Probation Association named him Juvenile
24 Administrator of the Year in 1992 and recognized him with two

1 Presidential Awards and the Charles W. Hawkes Lifetime Achievement
2 Award; he received the YWCA Ben Rogers and Francis Morris Racial
3 Justice Award in 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Active in professional organizations, Mr. Martin is
5 on the advisory board of the Al Price State Juvenile Correctional
6 Facility and has served as president of the Texas Probation
7 Association and as vice chair of the Evelyn M. Lord Teen Court Board
8 and of the Jefferson County Youth Academy Board; he has further
9 distinguished himself as a member of the boards of the Southeast
10 Texas Regional Planning Commission Criminal Justice Committee and
11 the Mayor's Commission for a Drug-Free Beaumont; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin has played an active role in the wider
13 community as well; a former soccer coach and referee, he served as
14 vice president of the Gulf Coast Youth Soccer Club; in addition, he
15 is an ordained deacon of First Baptist Church in Nederland and
16 teaches the youth Bible study class; currently, he is president of
17 the board of Communities In Schools and chair of Foster
18 Grandparents of Southeast Texas and of the Community Resource
19 Coordination Group of Jefferson and Hardin Counties; moreover, he
20 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southeast Texas
21 Foster Grandparent Program and was selected as the Don Kelly
22 Southeast Texan of the Year in 2010; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Martin enjoys the love and
24 support of his wife, Carolyn, his children, Scott Martin and his
25 wife, Tiffany, Aimee Duron and her husband, Gabe, and Jace Martin
26 and his wife, Jacey, and his grandchildren, Nicholas, Grace, Clay,
27 Leah, Ashley, Braden, and Bryce; and

1 WHEREAS, Bubba Martin has greatly benefited Jefferson County
2 Probation Services through his deep commitment to the juvenile
3 justice system, and as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of
4 his life, he may reflect with pride on his exceptional
5 contributions over the past 40 years; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate James Matthew
8 Martin, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from Jefferson
9 County Probation Services and extend to him sincere best wishes for
10 continued happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Martin as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.