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H.R. No. 262

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Delvin Dennis, who directs the Houston District of
2 the Texas Department of Transportation as district engineer, is
3 retiring on August 31, 2011, after an outstanding 31-year career in
4 public service; and

5 WHEREAS, Appointed district engineer in 2008, Mr. Dennis is
6 responsible for managing all engineering operations in Harris,
7 Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Montgomery, and Waller Counties;
8 this six-county area constitutes the largest TxDOT jurisdiction in
9 terms of registered vehicles, population, and vehicle miles
10 traveled; Mr. Dennis also oversees the largest district budget for
11 roadway maintenance in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, No sooner had Delvin Dennis assumed the post of
13 district engineer than he was faced with leading his district's
14 response to the damage inflicted by Hurricane Ike, one of the
15 costliest hurricanes ever to make landfall in the United States;
16 more recently, he has guided the district as it undertakes the
17 challenge of constructing portions of the Grand Parkway, a 180-mile
18 ring road that will circle Greater Houston; and

19 WHEREAS, Delvin Dennis has worked with the Houston District
20 his entire career; after earning a bachelor's degree in civil
21 engineering from the University of Houston in 1980, he joined TxDOT
22 as an engineering assistant in the Houston Urban Project Office; he
23 subsequently served as assistant district construction engineer,
24 Central Houston area engineer, and director of maintenance before

1 becoming district deputy engineer in 1998; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has also served thousands of
3 fellow Texans through his work with the Texas Public Employees
4 Association, which he led as president from 2007 to 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Dennis's retirement holds the much-anticipated
6 promise of more time to spend with his family, including his wife,
7 Rita, and his children, Jeremy and Claire; it will also provide more
8 leisure for such favored pastimes as reading, cooking, and
9 baseball; and

10 WHEREAS, The myriad projects that Delvin Dennis has helped
11 bring to fruition over the past three decades have increased the
12 efficiency of the highways throughout the Houston area and have
13 contributed significantly to the economic vitality of the Lone Star
14 State, and he can indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Delvin Dennis
18 on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Department of
19 Transportation and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
20 success and fulfillment in the years ahead; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Dennis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.