

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize G. Stephen Howerton for his 30 years of outstanding service as the city manager of Ennis; and

WHEREAS, Steve Howerton has more than 36 years of successful private and public sector management experience; he is celebrating his 30th anniversary as manager of the City of Ennis on June 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, As the Ennis city manager, Mr. Howerton is well known for effectively coordinating the goals and activities of the various city departments; the city is organized into 12 departments, and there are 180 city employees; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the city's population has grown from approximately 12,000 in 1981 to over 18,500 in 2011; he has been responsible for the recruitment of such industries as Sterilite, CVS and Lowe's distribution centers, PetSmart, Direct Energy, and Sysco Foods; and

WHEREAS, He has worked with the administrations of six different mayors, and he has handled the far-reaching responsibilities of a city manager's position with exceptional skill and dedication; he has overseen the construction of numerous projects, including the Ennis Regional Hospital, the Ennis Public Library, Bluebonnet Park, and the Ennis Public Works Complex; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howerton has also overseen the expansion of the water and wastewater plants and the Ennis Airport on numerous occasions; he played a significant role in several major economic

development projects, including the recruitment of the \$8.3 billion Superconducting Super Collider Project and a \$150 million power plant; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected civic leader, he has contributed significantly to the harmony and progress of a growing city for three decades, and he has been instrumental in the city's achievement of designation as an official Texas Main Street Community and as a Texas Certified City for Economic Leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend G. Stephen Howerton for his 30 years of outstanding leadership as manager of the City of Ennis and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 13, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate