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H.R. No. 126

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Danny F. Vance of Arlington is retiring from the
2 Trinity River Authority of Texas on February 28, 2011, after four
3 decades of outstanding service to the agency; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Danny Vance was born in Galveston in
5 1943, and he was raised alongside his brother, Benny, and his
6 sister, Janis, in Palestine; he graduated from Palestine High
7 School in 1962, and he went on to attend Sam Houston State
8 University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1966, served as a
9 graduate assistant, and attained a master's degree in business
10 administration in 1968; he also earned a teaching certificate, and
11 for two years he served in the United States Army as a specialist
12 stationed in Germany; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1970, Mr. Vance joined the Trinity River
14 Authority as assistant to the manager of the Southern Region, and
15 later that year he relocated to Arlington to serve as an
16 administrative services manager for the agency; he also held the
17 positions of general services manager and of regional manager of
18 the Northern Region; in 1979, at the age of 35, he became general
19 manager of the TRA, and at the time he was the youngest manager of a
20 major Texas river authority and only the second general manager in
21 the agency's history; and

22 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Vance has overseen the
23 creation of four regional potable water systems and three regional
24 wastewater systems, as well as significant improvements to all nine

1 regional systems, and the TRA became the largest river authority in
2 Texas, with major increases to its assets and annual operating
3 budget; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Vance further dedicated his time to various
5 regional water planning groups, and he served as president of the
6 Texas Water Conservation Association; he was recognized by many for
7 his leadership in balancing the need for adequate water supplies
8 for a growing population with the environmental needs of the
9 Trinity Basin and the Trinity Bay and Estuary; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Vance enjoys the love
11 and support of his wife, Janet, whom he married in 1967; the Vances
12 are looking forward to their future retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, Danny Vance has demonstrated an unwavering
14 commitment to excellence over the course of his career, and he may
15 indeed reflect with great pride on his professional achievements as
16 he prepares to embark on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Danny F. Vance on his retirement
20 from the Trinity River Authority of Texas and extend to him sincere
21 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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