

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ambassador Ron Kirk has distinguished himself in his
2 role as United States trade representative, and his dedicated work
3 in that position is indeed deserving of recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, A well-known figure in his home state of Texas,
5 where he held numerous public offices, Ron Kirk was appointed to his
6 present post by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United
7 States Senate in March 2009; as trade representative, he is the
8 president's principal advisor, negotiator, and spokesperson on
9 trade issues and is a member of the cabinet; and

10 WHEREAS, Ambassador Kirk's tenure as trade representative
11 has been marked by a renewed focus on assisting the nation's small
12 and medium-sized businesses as well as on a robust enforcement of
13 existing trade agreements; moreover, his office has worked to
14 resolve issues related to pacts that have been signed with Colombia
15 and Panama and to secure congressional approval of a landmark trade
16 agreement with South Korea, in addition to carrying forth many
17 other initiatives; and

18 WHEREAS, In all of his efforts, Ambassador Kirk is motivated
19 by the belief that proactive, responsible trade policies can play
20 an essential role in economic recovery, create jobs in the United
21 States, and assist American companies and workers as they compete
22 in the global economy; and

23 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan draws on a broad range of
24 experience; the mayor of Dallas from 1995 to 2001, he also served as

1 Texas secretary of state under Governor Ann Richards, as chair of
2 the state's General Services Commission, and as a legislative aide
3 to U.S. senator Lloyd Bentsen; in the course of his law career, he
4 worked as an assistant city attorney for the City of Dallas and as a
5 partner at Vinson & Elkins LLP; and

6 WHEREAS, Our country's economic well-being and international
7 stature depend on an effective trade policy, and the determined
8 leadership that Ron Kirk has demonstrated as U.S. trade
9 representative is furthering that effort in important ways; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Ambassador Ron Kirk for his outstanding
13 work as United States trade representative and extend to him
14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Ambassador Kirk as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 516 was adopted by the House on February 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House