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H.R. No. 2424

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eddy D. Edmondson of Austin is retiring as president
2 of the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association on May 31, 2011,
3 drawing to a close a notable career with TNLA that has spanned
4 nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, After earning his bachelor's degree in agricultural
6 education from Texas A&M University, Mr. Edmondson worked in the
7 marketing and regulatory divisions of the Texas Department of
8 Agriculture; in 1974, he became supervisor of the Texas Certified
9 Nursery Professional and Texas Master Certified Nursery
10 Professional programs at TNLA; his responsibilities also included
11 helping to manage the annual Nursery/Landscape Expo; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Edmondson was appointed president of TNLA in
13 1990, and during his exemplary 21-year tenure in that role, the
14 association has thrived and prospered; he led efforts to establish
15 the TNLA Education and Research Foundation, serving as the
16 organization's vice president from 1992 to 2011, and he has
17 overseen the growth of TNLA's annual expo to include more than 1,200
18 vendor booths and draw over 7,000 attendees; and

19 WHEREAS, In his capacity as TNLA president, Mr. Edmondson has
20 served on the Nursery and Floral Advisory Council of the Texas
21 Department of Agriculture, the Texas Tech University Plant and Soil
22 Science Advisory Committee, and the Texas A&M University Fire Ant
23 Research and Management Account Advisory Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, This outstanding professional has been recognized

1 with TNLA's highest honor, the Arp Award, and he is also a recipient
2 of the Distinguished Executive of the Year Award from the Texas
3 Society of Association Executives and the Professional
4 Organization Award from the Professional Agricultural Workers of
5 Texas Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Edmondson has further distinguished himself as
7 president of the Nursery & Landscape Association Executives of
8 North America and as chair of the Texas Society of Association
9 Executives; he is a member of the American Society of Association
10 Executives and a founding member of the Austin chapter of the
11 International Association of Exposition Managers; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Edmondson has enjoyed the
13 love and support of his wife, Gayle Pickering, and his children,
14 Corbin and Colie; and

15 WHEREAS, Eddy Edmondson's dedication, vision, and commitment
16 to excellence have greatly benefited the nursery and landscaping
17 industry in Texas, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
18 achievements as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Eddy D. Edmondson on his retirement
22 as president of the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association and
23 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mr. Edmondson as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.