

By: Thompson

H.R. No. 2555

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Steven E. Simmons, deputy executive director of the
2 Texas Department of Transportation, has demonstrated great
3 dedication to public service throughout a tenure with the agency
4 spanning nearly three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston, Mr. Simmons earned his bachelor's
6 degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston in 1981,
7 and he joined the Northwest Harris/Waller Area Office of the Texas
8 Department of Transportation as a project manager the following
9 year; he went on to become a licensed professional engineer and was
10 appointed deputy district engineer for the Houston District in
11 1993; five years later, he was named district engineer for the Fort
12 Worth District, and under his leadership, the staff won the annual
13 Design Excellence Award for a Metropolitan District three times in
14 a row; moreover, he addressed transit issues as a member of the
15 Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council
16 of Governments; and

17 WHEREAS, He has served as his agency's deputy executive
18 director for almost 10 years; he is a member of the civil
19 engineering advisory boards for The University of Texas at
20 Arlington and the University of Houston, and in 2005, he became the
21 first recipient of the University of Houston Engineering Alumni
22 Association's Distinguished Young Engineering Alumnus Award to
23 also receive the school's Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Simmons enjoys the support
2 and encouragement of his wife, Lisa, and their children, Chris and
3 Phillip; he is an Eagle Scout and participates in scouting
4 activities with his two sons, and he also enjoys golf and
5 woodworking; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his hard work and commitment to excellence,
7 Steven Simmons has benefited the Texas Department of Transportation
8 and his fellow citizens, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his
9 contributions at this time; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Steven E. Simmons for his service to the
12 Texas Department of Transportation and extend to him sincere best
13 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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