

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tom Whatley is marking 30 years of service with the
2 House Research Organization in 2011, and this occasion provides a
3 welcome opportunity to honor his outstanding efforts through the
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Baytown, Mr. Whatley is a graduate of The
6 University of Texas at Austin School of Law and joined the staff of
7 what was then known as the House Study Group in January 1981, after
8 a previous job for the United States Congress left him longing for
9 his home state; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Whatley was promoted to director of the House
11 Research Organization just five years after beginning his tenure
12 with the department; under his supervision, the HRO has done an
13 exceptional job in fulfilling its mission of providing impartial,
14 nonpartisan information on legislation and issues before the Texas
15 Legislature, including balanced insights on bills up for
16 consideration as well as thorough, well-researched interim reports
17 on major policy matters; and

18 WHEREAS, This dedicated state employee has helped the HRO to
19 meet the needs of elected officials during 16 regular sessions and
20 26 special sessions, overseeing the production of thousands of bill
21 analyses and legislative reports, and he has also been responsible
22 for the hiring and training of hundreds of skilled and productive
23 staff members; and

24 WHEREAS, Tom Whatley's institutional knowledge of the Texas

1 Legislature is legendary, and his recall of legislative facts,
2 history, and lore is regarded with admiration by all who know him;
3 his work has played an essential role in the operations of this
4 chamber, and it is a pleasure to recognize his contributions as he
5 passes this career milestone; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Tom Whatley on his 30 years of service with
8 the House Research Organization and extend to him sincere best
9 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Whatley as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2587

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2587 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House