

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

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

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

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

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Vance has overseen the creation of four regional potable water systems and three regional wastewater systems, as well as significant improvements to all nine regional systems, and the Trinity River Authority became the largest river authority in Texas, with major increases to its assets and annual operating budget; and

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Vance as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate