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H.R. No. 225

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Owen William Bludau of Bay City is retiring as  
2 executive director of the Matagorda County Economic Development  
3 Corporation on June 28, 2013, following eight years of  
4 distinguished service in that position; and

5           WHEREAS, Since joining the MCEDC, Mr. Bludau has been  
6 dedicated to its mission of growing Matagorda County through the  
7 recruitment of new industries and commercial businesses and the  
8 expansion of existing businesses; under his able leadership, the  
9 group helped to bring a manufacturing plant to the area, which  
10 included a \$1.3 billion investment and the creation of 600 new jobs;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Known for his dedication to his work, he has  
13 sacrificed holidays, weekends, and many late nights for the benefit  
14 of his community, and in recognition of his exceptional efforts  
15 with MCEDC, he earned the 2012 George Holst Award for contributions  
16 to Matagorda County; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Bludau is a graduate of The University of Texas  
18 at Austin and a veteran of the U.S. Army; after completing a  
19 master's program in urban and regional planning at Virginia Tech  
20 University, he earned his master's degree in business  
21 administration from Wake Forest University; his notable career has  
22 included tenures in land use and development, environmental  
23 planning, and military base economic redevelopment; and

24           WHEREAS, Owen Bludau has made a positive difference in the

1 lives of his fellow citizens, and he may take justifiable pride in a  
2 job well done as he looks ahead to the next exciting chapter of his  
3 life; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Owen William  
6 Bludau on his retirement as executive director of the Matagorda  
7 County Economic Development Corporation and extend to him sincere  
8 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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