

By: Sanford

H.R. No. 6

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For nearly 40 years, the Honorable Keith Self,  
2 county judge of Collin County, has dedicated himself to the service  
3 of his fellow citizens; and

4           WHEREAS, A fifth-generation Texan, Judge Self graduated from  
5 the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1975, and over the next  
6 quarter-century, he served his nation with great distinction as a  
7 U.S. Army Ranger, Green Beret, and master parachutist infantry  
8 officer; his assignments included commanding an airborne rifle  
9 company, a Special Forces company, and a Special Forces A-team  
10 responsible for a portable nuclear device; during his time in the  
11 army, he furthered his military education at the U.S. Army Command  
12 and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and earned a  
13 master's degree in international relations from the University of  
14 Southern California; and

15           WHEREAS, After retiring from active duty in 1999 at the rank  
16 of lieutenant colonel, this outstanding soldier was recalled to  
17 service in 2002 for a period of 14 months; deployed to Afghanistan  
18 and Qatar, he served on the staff of the Plans and Policy  
19 Directorate of the U.S. Central Command under General Tommy Franks,  
20 helping to plan the invasion of Iraq; and

21           WHEREAS, The extensive leadership skills that Keith Self  
22 acquired during his military career have stood him in good stead in  
23 his current position as county judge, the office to which he was  
24 elected in 2006 and again in 2010; during his tenure, he has

1 advocated for conservative principles and vigorously opposed the  
2 expansion of the Medicaid program; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to attending to his public  
4 responsibilities, Judge Self gives generously of his time as a  
5 member of the boards of the Samaritan Inn homeless shelter and the  
6 Prestonwood Pregnancy Center and as co-chair of the U.S. Army  
7 Dallas Recruiting Battalion Advisory Board; he is also a member of  
8 the McKinney Downtown Rotary Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Self and his wife, Tracy, have shared a  
10 devoted union of more than three decades; the couple are active  
11 members of Stonebriar Community Church, where Mrs. Self works with  
12 children with special needs; she also serves as children's director  
13 for the McKinney/Allen Women's Group of Community Bible Study; and

14 WHEREAS, Keith Self's dedication, professionalism, and  
15 commitment to his ideals have greatly benefited his nation, the  
16 State of Texas, and the people of Collin County and have earned him  
17 the lasting respect of his peers and the citizens he serves; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
20 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Keith  
21 Self on his lifetime of public service and extend to him sincere  
22 best wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be  
23 it further

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