

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jim Robinson retired as chief appraiser of the
2 Harris County Appraisal District on May 31, 2013, concluding a
3 noteworthy career with the district that spanned nearly three
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Named chief appraiser in 1990, Mr. Robinson joined
6 the district five years earlier as deputy chief appraiser; during
7 his tenure, HCAD has been recognized three times by the
8 International Association of Assessing Officers as a distinguished
9 assessment jurisdiction; moreover, in January 2013, the Texas
10 comptroller of public accounts announced that the district had
11 earned a perfect score in a comprehensive review of its compliance
12 with state laws, regulations, appraisal practices, and operating
13 best practices, and that it had exceeded every mandatory standard
14 of evaluation established by the comptroller in the legislatively
15 required Methods and Assistance Program review; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson entered public service in 1967, when he
17 joined the Texas Department of Public Safety; initially assigned to
18 Governor John Connally's Division of Defense and Disaster Relief,
19 he was promoted to the personal staff of the agency's director and
20 served as its official spokesman; he went on to become associate
21 director of the State Property Tax Board in 1979, and he
22 subsequently served as deputy director and executive director;
23 moreover, he was an adjunct member of the law enforcement faculty at
24 Texas State University; and

1 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan holds both bachelor's and
2 master's degrees in law enforcement from Sam Houston State
3 University, and he completed the graduate-level national security
4 management program of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces;
5 before graduating from college, he founded a Houston-area radio
6 station; he subsequently sold it and was employed as news director
7 for KBRZ in Freeport, as Brazoria County correspondent for the
8 *Houston Chronicle*, and as an on-air personality for KVET/KASE in
9 Austin; and

10 WHEREAS, A master peace officer and certified fraud examiner,
11 Mr. Robinson volunteers as chief reserve deputy for Harris County
12 Precinct 3; he served for 27 years in the Texas National Guard, and
13 he was appointed commanding general before retiring at the rank of
14 major general in 1990; deeply committed to education as well, he
15 served as president of the Round Rock Independent School District
16 board of trustees during his time in the Austin area; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Robinson earned the respect and admiration of
18 his fellow citizens during his 28 years with the Harris County
19 Appraisal District, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
20 notable record of accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jim Robinson
23 on his retirement as chief appraiser of the Harris County Appraisal
24 District and that he be commended for his long record of public
25 service; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Mr. Robinson as an expression of high regard by the

H.R. No. 71

1 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 71 was adopted by the House on July 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House