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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Edmund G. Archuleta is retiring as the president and
2 chief executive officer of El Paso Water Utilities on January 9,
3 2013, drawing to a close nearly a quarter-century of outstanding
4 service to that institution; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Archuleta earned his bachelor's and master's
6 degrees in civil engineering from New Mexico State University as
7 well as a master's degree in management from the University of New
8 Mexico; he is registered as a professional engineer in Texas, New
9 Mexico, and Iowa; and

10 WHEREAS, Joining EPWU in January 1989, Mr. Archuleta has been
11 responsible for implementing the policies of the Public Service
12 Board to manage all water and wastewater services in the El Paso
13 metropolitan area; during his tenure, EPWU built the world's
14 largest inland desalination plant, the nation's largest arsenic
15 treatment facility, the Tech₂O Center, and a state-of-the-art water
16 quality laboratory; it also instituted conservation and education
17 programs that have significantly reduced water usage and contracted
18 a 40-year water supply agreement with the El Paso County Water
19 Improvement District No. 1 and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Archuleta also played a vital role in the
21 creation of the Consortium for High Tech Investigations of Water
22 and Wastewater, the Center for Inland Desalination Systems, and the
23 Multi-State Salinity Coalition, and he helped create the master
24 plans for the city's storm water management and for the use of

1 Public Service Board properties in northeast and west El Paso;
2 under his leadership, EPWU has earned a strong bond rating; and

3 WHEREAS, This highly respected expert was appointed by
4 President George W. Bush to the National Infrastructure Advisory
5 Council, and in 2008, he was called on to develop a publication on
6 the reuse of water to help meet future needs by recognized leaders
7 in the fields of engineering and science; he has served as chair of
8 the American Water Works Association Research Foundation and as a
9 trustee of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and the
10 WaterReuse Association, and he has been active with the Water
11 Environment Federation, Water for People, and the Texas Water
12 Conservation Association, among others; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, he has found
14 time to give back to his community through his involvement with the
15 United Way, the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, the Rotary Club,
16 and the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce; he serves as well on
17 the engineering advisory committees of New Mexico State University
18 and The University of Texas at El Paso; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Archuleta's dedication, professionalism, and
20 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the citizens of El
21 Paso and earned him widespread respect and admiration, and he may
22 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks upon
23 the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate Edmund G. Archuleta on his
26 retirement as president and CEO of El Paso Water Utilities and
27 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. Archuleta as an expression of high esteem by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.