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H.R. No. 284

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald E. Jones III is concluding his
2 tenure as mayor of Garland in 2013, drawing to a close a
3 distinguished record of service that has greatly benefited his
4 fellow citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronald Jones was elected mayor of Garland in 2007,
6 and over the course of his three consecutive terms in office, he has
7 striven to improve the quality of life for area residents by
8 encouraging business development, protecting the environment, and
9 promoting community fellowship; and

10 WHEREAS, Establishing an excellent working relationship with
11 the city council, Mayor Jones helped pass a unanimously approved
12 budget in 2007-2008 and again in 2010-2011; moreover, he oversaw
13 the success of Garland's downtown and mixed-use development,
14 introduced a temporary employment program, and welcomed new
15 businesses; and

16 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the city adopted the Garland
17 Goes Green campaign, which encourages residents to live healthier
18 lifestyles while increasing public awareness of sustainability and
19 conservation efforts; in addition, he launched the Good Neighbor
20 Award, which recognizes residents and businesses that have
21 demonstrated a commitment to improving the appearance of their
22 property and their neighborhoods; he also hosted "Evening In" and
23 "Evening Out" events to discuss topics of importance with his
24 fellow citizens to broaden his accessibility and increase the

1 transparency of city government; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mayor Jones has been honored by many
3 organizations for his dedicated public service; a graduate of the
4 first Leadership Garland class, he received the Outstanding
5 Leadership and Mark of Excellence awards from the North Texas
6 Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and
7 was named Public Service Official of the Year by the Texas Public
8 Power Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Dallas, Ronald Jones attended
10 James Madison High School and earned his bachelor's degree from
11 Dallas Baptist University, his master's degree from Abilene
12 Christian University, and his doctorate from Cornerstone
13 University; before serving as mayor, he held the post of assistant
14 city manager, and as a management consultant to the city manager, he
15 helped set up a relief center for victims of Hurricane Katrina; in
16 addition to serving in municipal government, he taught business at
17 El Centro College in Dallas for 10 years and he has served in
18 numerous capacities at New Hope Baptist Church, where he is taking
19 on the role of senior pastor in January 2013; and

20 WHEREAS, For 46 years, Mayor Jones has benefited from the
21 love and support of his wife, Dr. Peggy R. Jones, and he takes great
22 pride in their sons, Ronald and Daryl; and

23 WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant for nearly three decades,
24 Ronald E. Jones III has made Garland an even better place in which
25 to live and work, and he may indeed reflect with pride on all that he
26 has accomplished for the city; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Ronald Jones III for his outstanding
2 leadership as mayor of the City of Garland and extend to him sincere
3 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mayor Jones as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.