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H.R. No. 1376

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A farsighted leader committed to promoting economic
2 development, the Honorable Bob Townsend is completing his tenure as
3 mayor of Richardson in May 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Townsend retired from Texas Instruments in
5 1997 after a notable 37-year career; he has been on the Richardson
6 City Council since 2001 and was mayor pro tem from 2007 to 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, Elected to his current post in 2011, Mayor Townsend
8 has worked diligently to maintain Richardson's reputation as a
9 business-friendly city; during his tenure, Richardson was
10 recognized as a Gold member in the Texas Comptroller's Leadership
11 Circle Awards for financial transparency, and it earned AAA ratings
12 from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service;
13 moreover, the Richardson Economic Development Partnership, a joint
14 effort between the city and the chamber of commerce, earned a Gold
15 Medal Award in the High Performance Economic Development category
16 from the International Economic Development Council for announcing
17 the most jobs and capital created of any city its size in the
18 country; and

19 WHEREAS, Richardson has also been named a Gold-Certified
20 Scenic City by Scenic Texas, and it received a 2012 Working for
21 Clean Air Award from the North Texas Commission; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Townsend, who is a native of Oklahoma and
23 holds a master's degree from Southern Methodist University, has
24 also been active in his community as president of the Southwest

1 Richardson Homeowners Association and the Richland Meadows
2 Neighborhood Association; in all of his endeavors, he enjoys the
3 love and support of his wife, Lynn, and his family further includes
4 three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Townsend has served the citizens of Richardson
7 with the utmost ability and devotion, and he may indeed reflect with
8 great pride on his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Bob Townsend on the occasion of his
11 retirement as mayor of Richardson and commend him for his
12 outstanding contributions to the community; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mayor Townsend as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.