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H.R. No. 1607

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Bill Keffler, the city manager of
2 Richardson, on May 31, 2012, brought to a close 35 years of
3 distinguished civil service; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Keffler was born in Brownfield and raised in
5 Midland; after earning a bachelor's degree in government from the
6 University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in public
7 administration from Texas Tech University, he began his career with
8 the City of Richardson in 1977, joining the municipal staff as an
9 administrative assistant; he became the assistant to the city
10 manager two years later and assistant city manager two years after
11 that; promoted to deputy city manager in 1985, he assumed his post
12 as the city's chief administrator in 1995; and

13 WHEREAS, A dynamic executive who consistently took a
14 proactive approach to the city's needs, Mr. Keffler promoted
15 citywide and regional partnering efforts, supported innovations in
16 municipal operations, emphasized fiscal responsibility and
17 transparency, and served as a mentor to others in his field; he kept
18 abreast of developments in his profession through membership in the
19 International City/County Management Association, and he provided
20 valued leadership through his service as president of both the
21 Texas City Management Association and the North Texas City
22 Management Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Keffler has shared his time and talents with a
24 large number of civic and community organizations; he has served on

1 the boards of Quality Texas, the Richardson Central Rotary Club,
2 the local YMCA, Leadership Richardson, and the North Texas
3 Commission, and he has been an ex officio member of the boards of
4 the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, the Metroplex Technology
5 Business Council, and the Methodist Richardson Medical Center; in
6 addition, he has taught in the public affairs department of The
7 University of Texas at Dallas and served on boards or advisory
8 councils of the UT Dallas School of Economic, Political, and Policy
9 Sciences and Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer
10 Science, as well as on the university's Development Board; and

11 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Mr. Keffler has
12 been recognized by the Center for Public Service at Texas Tech, the
13 Richardson Central Rotary Club, the Texas Municipal Library
14 Directors Association, the Richardson Jaycees, the Richardson
15 Masonic Lodge, and the YMCA; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Keffler has served on the finance committee of
17 St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and previously served as
18 president of the church's school board and as chair of its parish
19 advisory council; he has also held a seat on various commissions and
20 boards of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas; a dedicated youth
21 athletic coach, he has been honored for his work by the Dallas
22 Parochial League; and

23 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Keffler has drawn
24 inspiration from the love of his wife, Chrissie, and their five
25 children, Abby, Joe, Sam, Ellie, and Will; and

26 WHEREAS, Bill Keffler consistently set high standards for
27 public service in Richardson, and he may indeed reflect with pride

1 on his accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Bill Keffler on his retirement as
4 city manager of Richardson and extend to him sincere best wishes for
5 the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Keffler as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.