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H.R. No. 1863

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Joe E. Cude is concluding his tenure as a member
2 of the Stephenville City Council in May 2013, drawing to a close
3 eight years of distinguished service in local government; and

4 WHEREAS, After winning election to the city council in 2001,
5 Dr. Cude completed an initial four-year term, and voters returned
6 him to office in 2009 for a second term; he helped guide
7 Stephenville during a period of considerable growth and economic
8 development, and he played an influential role in the effort to
9 upgrade the city's water infrastructure and resources, including
10 the development of a new 50-year plan, and to improve roads and
11 expand emergency services and public parks; moreover, he held the
12 post of mayor pro tem for a year during 2004 and 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Cude has drawn on a broad range of experience in
14 his work as an elected official; a mathematics professor at
15 Tarleton State University from 1972 until his retirement in 2001,
16 he was the head of the math department for more than two decades and
17 chaired many faculty committees; he holds a bachelor's degree from
18 Southwest Texas State University and master's and doctoral degrees
19 from The University of Texas at Austin; and

20 WHEREAS, A resident of Stephenville for more than 40 years,
21 Dr. Cude has shared his time and talents with numerous
22 organizations, including the United Way, the Stephenville Senior
23 Citizens advisory board, The Texas A&M University System employee
24 benefits advisory committee, and the advisory committee to the Area

1 Agency on Aging operated by the North Central Texas Council of
2 Governments; he currently serves as the president of TSU Retirees,
3 a substitute driver for Meals on Wheels, and a valued member of
4 Harvey Baptist Church, where he teaches Sunday school; in all his
5 endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Pat; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Cude has demonstrated a long-standing
7 commitment to his community, and his desire to help others and to
8 work toward the greater good has set an inspiring example for his
9 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Joe E. Cude on his exemplary service
12 as a member of the Stephenville City Council and extend to him
13 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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