

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2566

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles England is retiring as mayor  
2 of Grand Prairie in May 2013, drawing to a close an exemplary career  
3 in public service; and

4           WHEREAS, First elected in 1992, Mayor England worked to  
5 promote economic development and to enhance the quality of life in  
6 Grand Prairie during a period of significant growth for the city,  
7 with its population nearly doubling over the course of his tenure;  
8 under his leadership, numerous projects have come to fruition,  
9 including the addition of a Class I thoroughbred horse racetrack,  
10 the Verizon Theatre, the QuickTrip minor league baseball park, and  
11 a veterans' memorial, as well as the revitalization of the Uptown  
12 Theater downtown; Mayor England has also overseen a number of park,  
13 road, and infrastructure improvements, and he has been a strong  
14 supporter of the city's fire and police departments; and

15           WHEREAS, A native of Venus, Charlie England has lived in  
16 Grand Prairie for more than six decades; he graduated from Grand  
17 Prairie High School in 1957 and earned a bachelor's degree in  
18 business administration from the University of North Texas; an  
19 insurance agent and a longtime volunteer firefighter, Mr. England  
20 began his political career when he was elected to the Grand Prairie  
21 School Board in 1973 and subsequently served as its president; and

22           WHEREAS, Mayor England has further served the community as  
23 president of the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development  
24 Corporation, as a charter board member of the Lone Star Park

1 Charitable Foundation for Grand Prairie, and as a member of the  
2 North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation  
3 Council and the local YMCA board of directors; for his many civic  
4 efforts, he was named the 1993 citizen of the year by the chamber of  
5 commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. England has enjoyed the  
7 love and support of his wife and high school sweetheart, the former  
8 Janice Waggoner, and he takes great pride in their three children,  
9 Rhonda, Kirk, and Lori, and their six grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Charlie England has proven himself a leader of great  
11 vision and ability, and his contributions to the Grand Prairie  
12 community will resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Charles England on  
15 the occasion of his retirement as mayor of Grand Prairie and commend  
16 him for his 21 years of dedicated service; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mayor England as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.