

By: Israel

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charlie Betts is retiring after 18 years of
2 outstanding service as executive director of the Downtown Austin
3 Alliance; and

4 WHEREAS, Charlie Betts is a third-generation Austinite and a
5 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin; he served the nation
6 with distinction as a member of the United States Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Downtown Austin Alliance
8 has played a vital role in the revitalization of Austin's central
9 community; during his tenure, the number of downtown residents has
10 more than doubled, and the number of downtown employees has grown
11 from 67,000 in 1993 to more than 123,000; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Betts has been a tireless advocate for such
13 initiatives as the Waller Creek Tunnel, the Downtown Community
14 Court, and the Dell Medical School; he has been noted for his belief
15 in the importance of historic preservation, and he was instrumental
16 in the drafting of the Historic Landmark Ordinance; and

17 WHEREAS, An exemplary administrator, Charlie Betts is
18 respected and admired by the citizens of Austin, and his leadership
19 as the executive director of the Downtown Austin Alliance will be
20 greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of
22 Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Charlie Betts on his
23 exceptional service to the people of Austin as executive director
24 of the Downtown Austin Alliance and extend to him best wishes for

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1 continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him
3 as an expression of high regard from the Texas House of
4 Representatives.