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H.R. No. 382

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carson Joines retired as mayor of Carthage in
2 January 2014, concluding more than four decades of outstanding
3 civic leadership, and the dedication and vision he demonstrated in
4 his work are indeed worthy of recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant was the town's mayor
6 for 32 years, having first been elected to the post in 1982; before
7 that, he was a member of the city commission from 1972 to 1983 and
8 held the post of mayor pro tempore for 10 years; during his tenure
9 in government, he provided strong support for city employees,
10 helping them to better serve Carthage residents, and he furthered a
11 broad range of other initiatives that have greatly enhanced the
12 city; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Joines played a prominent role in regional
14 government and area service organizations as well; he served as
15 president of the East Texas Council of Governments and the Carthage
16 Economic Development Corporation, and he was a member of the boards
17 of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, the Panola County
18 Economic Development Foundation, and the Texas Country Music Hall
19 of Fame; in addition, he was active in the Rotary Club and led the
20 organization as president; and

21 WHEREAS, A longtime Carthage citizen, Mayor Joines first
22 moved to the area in 1948 to play football at Panola Junior College,
23 helping the team win two championships, and his ties to the town
24 grew stronger after he met and married local resident Dixie Arnold;

1 he served his nation as a member of the United States Army during
2 the Korean War and earned his bachelor of business administration
3 degree from Stephen F. Austin State University before embarking on
4 a 37-year career with Union Pacific Railroad; through the years,
5 his family has grown to include three children, nine grandchildren,
6 and seven great-grandchildren, and he is looking forward to
7 spending additional time with his loved ones during his retirement;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Greatly admired for his commitment to his fellow
10 citizens, Carson Joines has devoted nearly half of his life to
11 public service, and his many contributions to the City of Carthage
12 will be remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Carson Joines for his many
16 years of exemplary service to his community and extend to him
17 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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