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H.R. No. 525

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Professional engineer Michael Talbott, director of
2 the Harris County Flood Control District, has been named the 2015
3 Houston Engineer of the Year by the Houston Engineers Week
4 Committee, and this achievement indeed merits special recognition;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Talbott holds a bachelor's degree in civil
7 engineering from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in
8 business administration from the University of Houston as well as
9 certification from the American Academy of Water Resources
10 Engineers as a diplomate; he was hired by the Harris County Flood
11 Control District as a floodplain hydrologist in 1981, and during
12 more than three decades with the district, he has held several
13 increasingly responsible positions and been an integral part of
14 numerous projects that have helped to protect and better the lives
15 of the citizens of Harris County; and

16 WHEREAS, Since being named director of operations in 1998,
17 Mr. Talbott has managed area responses to two major tropical storms
18 and a hurricane, and he has led the way in strengthening the
19 district's partnerships with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and
20 the Federal Emergency Management Agency; he has overseen many vital
21 developments, including the Tropical Storm Allison Recovery
22 Project, and in 2004, he guided the update and release of the
23 district's Policy, Criteria, and Procedures Manual, which serves as
24 a touchstone for flood damage reduction design and maintenance

1 techniques; and

2 WHEREAS, Highlighting his commitment to the betterment of his
3 profession and his community, Mr. Talbott is active with a host of
4 organizations, including the University of Houston Civil and
5 Environmental Engineering Industrial Advisory Board, the American
6 Society of Civil Engineers, and the Association of State Floodplain
7 Managers; he has also served with the Bayou Preservation
8 Association and the Galveston Bay Foundation, among others, and he
9 is a member of a variety of local and national charity groups; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Talbott has contributed greatly to his
11 profession over the past 34 years, and along the way he has
12 demonstrated an admirable dedication to sharing his expertise with
13 his peers, with future engineers, and with the people of Harris
14 County; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Michael Talbott on being named the
17 2015 Houston Engineer of the Year and extend to him sincere best
18 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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