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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Medina County judge James E. Barden retired on
2 December 31, 2014, concluding more than a decade of exemplary
3 service to his fellow citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, After graduating with both a bachelor of business
5 administration degree and a juris doctor degree from The University
6 of Texas at Austin, Jim Barden operated a private practice for three
7 years and went on to enjoy a career in corporate law spanning three
8 decades at Southwestern Bell and AT&T, where he was eventually
9 promoted to vice president of law and government affairs; and

10 WHEREAS, Elected county judge in 2002, Judge Barden ably
11 managed the county budget, bolstered subdivision rules and
12 regulations, and assisted in the acquisition of new government
13 office space by purchasing and renovating existing buildings; he
14 also supported the foundation stabilization project for the county
15 courthouse and helped the Medina County Nutrition Program gain
16 nonprofit status; and

17 WHEREAS, Long committed to the betterment of his community,
18 this dynamic Texan previously served with distinction for seven
19 years as mayor of his hometown of Hondo, and he has given generously
20 of his time and talents as a trustee of the Hill Country Mental
21 Health Developmental Disabilities Centers and as a member of the
22 board of directors of the Alamo Area Council of Governments and the
23 Alamo Area Development Corporation; and

24 WHEREAS, Retirement will afford Judge Barden the opportunity

1 to spend more time with his treasured family, including his wife of
2 57 years, Bebe Barden, and his four children and seven
3 grandchildren, as well as to indulge in his favorite leisure
4 activities of ranching, hunting, fishing, and reading; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Barden has made a positive difference in the
6 lives of countless Medina County residents, and his dedication,
7 leadership, and public spirit will be a continuing source of
8 inspiration in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable James E. Barden on
11 his retirement as Medina County judge and extend to him sincere best
12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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