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# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Leroy Goodson is retiring as general manager of the  
2 Texas Water Conservation Association at the end of 2015, concluding  
3 an exemplary career with the organization that has spanned more  
4 than three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Mr. Goodson has guided the  
6 organization with exceptional vision, skill, and dedication; he has  
7 made it an effective voice for its members and an effective partner  
8 in determining public policy regarding water in Texas and the  
9 United States; a true consensus builder, he has fostered  
10 cooperation among varied and sometimes competing interests; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Goodson was instrumental in the creation of the  
12 TWCA Risk Management Fund, and he is founding board secretary;  
13 through the years, he has worked tirelessly to expand the fund's  
14 membership, which today encompasses every kind of water district in  
15 the state; member equity totals nearly \$18 million, and he has  
16 assisted in developing such innovative member services as loss  
17 control and risk management consulting, leadership training, and  
18 legal consulting; and

19 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to sound resource management,  
20 Mr. Goodson has also served as executive secretary of the Texas  
21 Ground Water Association for 33 years, helping its membership grow  
22 from about 300 to more than 1,500; he implemented continuing  
23 education courses for licensees in the water well business, and he  
24 has crisscrossed the state conducting dozens of classes annually;

1 moreover, he has served the National Ground Water Association in  
2 many capacities, among them chair of the Affiliate States Committee  
3 and parliamentarian of the Delegates Meeting; he received the NGWA  
4 Life Member Award in 2012, and his many accolades further include a  
5 TGWA lifetime membership and the TWCA President's Award; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has strengthened bonds in  
7 professional circles through his warmth, generosity, and legendary  
8 sense of humor, as well as his passion for water issues; on many  
9 long road trips with his coworkers, he has shared his vast knowledge  
10 of people and places and provided spontaneous tutorials on various  
11 aspects of agribusiness; and

12 WHEREAS, Members of the water resource community will deeply  
13 miss his wisdom and incomparable conviviality, but Leroy Goodson's  
14 accomplishments ensure that the TWCA is well prepared to move  
15 forward following his retirement, and he leaves a treasure trove of  
16 stories and "Leroy-isms" to be enjoyed for years to come; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby honor Leroy Goodson for his achievements as  
20 general manager of the Texas Water Conservation Association and  
21 extend to him sincere best wishes as he prepares to embark on the  
22 next exciting chapter of his life; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Mr. Goodson as an expression of high regard by the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.